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Student tests positive for Rohyphnol

by Kathleen McGrory '05
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As a result of a Hamilton student testing positive for Rohypnol prior to Spring Break, Campus Safety and the Kirkland Police Department have launched an investigation to find the origins of the drug on campus and those responsible for its use.

On March 12, Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell announced in an all-campus email that the Office of the Dean of Students had received confirmation of the presence of Rohypnol on the Hamilton campus just the day before.

"There was medical proof that the drug had been used here on campus," said Mitchell. "We sent out the email as soon as there was concrete evidence. The intent was to heighten awareness. This drug is terribly dangerous, and people need to realize that it can happen here; it can happen anywhere," she added. More commonly called by its street name "roofies," Rohypnol is an odorless, tasteless drug that has been noted for its high use on college campuses. Especially when mixed with alcohol, Rohypnol can cause

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Faculty assesses war with Iraq

by Bill Chenevert '05
NEWS EDITOR

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '04
The government department addressed several issues surrounding the ongoing war with Iraq on Tuesday night.

The government department assembled at the Chapel on Tuesday night to assess the war in Iraq. The logistics were similar to those of the panel before Spring Break entitled "Should the U.S. invade Iraq?" Each professor opened up with an approximately seven minute statement, and then the panel received questions from the audience.

Professors Aranoff, Cafruny, Cannavo, Klinkner, Koker (economics), Orvis, and Yordan addressed some of the issues that have arisen since America's first air raids on March 20th. These issues were the successes of coalition forces and current death tolls, the media's coverage of the war, what will happen in Iraq after the war is over, and the relationship of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" and the War on Terror.

Professor Klinkner explained that the atrocities that were thought to be possible tactics of the Iraqis have not been used: attacking Israel, involving the Kurds, tampering with oil fields, and the use of chemical weapons all have not happened. He also noted, "The war's going very well; American casualties are quite low with civilian casualties not outrageously high." Professor Yordan commented that the success of the war would be measured by how successful the reconstruction of Iraq will be.

Professor Orvis was more of the opinion that Iraqi civilian deaths are far too high for the war to be going well. Orvis began his statement with an observation that he has "been perplexed – it seems that all Americans have lost touch with what war is really about. In modern warfare, we're damned efficient at killing people, and I suspect that many more Iraqi civilians are dying than believed." He used a humorous quote from a recent *New York Times* article from a marine in Southern Iraq, who said, "The presence of women and children in the streets is terribly distracting when you're trying to kill people."

Orvis noted that even though small numbers of soldiers are dying, the military forces that Bush is so willing to send off to fight are not the elite. Specifically, "the northeastern elite is not in this war at all."

In regards to the media's coverage of the war, Cannavo spoke out against media networks' unrealistic coverage of the Bush campaign. So far, he explained, "the media has played a role mainly as a cheerleader, whipping up war fever – specifically Fox News networks." He explained that Cumulus networks have banned the Dixie Chicks for their voiced criticisms of Bush. Also, Clear Channel networks have sponsored pro-war rallies to placate the Bush administration.

Orvis commented that the placement of journalists on the front line of American troops was a wise pro-war decision. "Embedding reporters in with the U.S. military was a brilliant public relations decision because now they [the public] are seeing only what American troops are seeing," he said. Like-

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LaRosa, Huynh win Watson Fellowships for study abroad

by Kristy Hague '05
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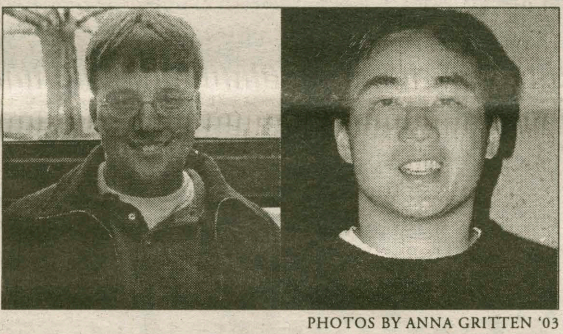
PHOTOS BY ANNA GRITTEN '03
Larosa and Huynh received the prestigious Watson Fellowships this year.

Chris Larosa '03 and Huy Huynh '03 were announced as winners of the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for 2003-2004.

Created in 1968, the Watson Fellowship provides 60 graduating seniors from select liberal arts colleges with a one-year grant for post-graduate independent study and travel outside of the United States. The program was designed as a transitional year in which its fellows can explore topics of their interest with a global perspective while eluding traditional academic and career patterns.

Each candidate completes a thorough application process. First, the applicant must submit a proposal to and interview with an on–campus committee. The applicant's proposal must have a personal statement that coincides with a description of his/her intended project. The campus committee selects four students to present to the Watson committee and gives each candidate a Watson advisor who helps with revision of the proposal. Following an interview with a member of the Watson committee, applicants wait until the fellows are announced on the Watson website. LaRosa and Huynh were among 60 winners from over 1,000 final candidates.

Larosa's project, titled "Shaping Media: Evolution through Communication Technology," will focus on how communication technology affects journalism from developing nations to extremely developed countries. He will travel to Tanzania, Uganda, Mexico, Slovenia, and Finland. Larosa will work with various forms of print journalism, from traditional newspapers to the evolving field of internet reporting, observing the far-reaching effect of tech-

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Shana McHugh '05 was also honored with a Goldwater Scholarship. *See story, page 2.*

Allied forces 10 miles from Baghdad

by Chris Takacs '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Allied forces reached the outskirts of Baghdad Thursday, April 3, attacking the International Airport 10 miles southwest of the city center. Iraqi officials denied reports of the Airport being taken by allied forces, and gave reporters a tour of the largely deserted facility. At the time of this article's publication, it was still unclear whether the Airport had fallen completely under U.S. control.

Despite temperatures of 90 degrees outside and as high as 100 in the tanks and Bradely fighting vehicles, the allied armor divisions pushed closer to the Iraqi capital, destroying more than 22 Iraqi tanks and armored personnel carriers and engaging numerous republican Guard forces. At least one U.S soldier was killed, possibly by friendly fire, while Three soldiers collapsed from heat exhaustion. According to the Associated Press, two Marines were killed in or around Kut - one from bullet and shrapnel wounds, the other when the truck he was driving struck another on a road obscured by dust clouds kicked up by a convoy. The Pentagon has told journalists that the total number of American service members killed in action since March 20 is 53, 41 of which were hostile deaths, while the rest were due to accidents or other circumstances. 16 troops remain missing, and seven are confirmed prisoners of war.

Earlier in the day thousands of allied vehicles of the 7th Infantry pushed across the Euphrates 35 miles south of the capital after defeating Iraqi troops attempting to hold the bridge at Musayyib. As troops rolled by, many Iraqi civilians sat down on the roads or carried white flags to show they were not combatants. A small group of men sat around a woman waving a flag of surrender outside a Baath Party Building, while other civilians smiled and waved at allied soldiers

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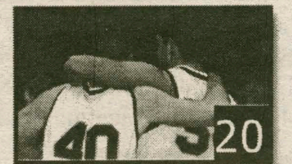
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Trustees approve six professors for tenure

Dunsmore, Franklin, Guttman, Kaha, Owen and Pillow to receive tenure effective July 1

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

On March 25th, Hamilton's Board of Trustees approved six faculty members for tenure. Those professors receiving tenure (effective July 1st) are: Julie Dunsmore, psychology; Todd Franklin, philosophy; Naomi Guttman, english; Catherine Kaha, rhetoric and communication; Ann Owen, economics; and Kirk Pillow, philosophy. All six distinguished professors are excited about this announcement as it solidifies their significance in the Hamilton College community.

A developmental psychologist, Professor Dunsmore received her B.A. in Psychology from Emory, and her M.A. in Clinical Psychology and Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Duke. Her research and writings have been featured in several publications. Dunsmore was the 2000-2001 recipient of Hamilton's Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award, awarded each year to a Hamilton faculty member "who demonstrates extraordinary commitment to teaching." In reference to her newly tenured status, Professor Dunsmore said she felt: "Great!" adding: " Of course it's an honor, and a relief! In some ways getting tenure is not, in and of itself, what's meaningful — the work that led up to it is, though, and receiving tenure means that I have the choice to stay at Hamilton and continue that work here."

Professor Franklin joined the philosophy department in 1997 after earning his doctorate from Stanford University. He is the author of several scholarly works on the social and political import of various forms of existential enlightenment. In 2000 Professor Franklin received the Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award. He was pleased with the new of his tenure: "As one of my graduate advisors described it, the Ph. D. is like the jacket that is required to get into an exclusive club while tenure connotes permanent membership. Given the quality of the ranks of the club, I feel honored to have been granted such membership."

Professor Guttman has taught English at Hamilton since 1996. She holds an MFA from the Program for Writers at Warren Wilson College and a Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Southern California. In addition to having written a prize-winning collection of her poetry in 1991, her work has been published in numerous journals and anthologies. On the subject of receiving tenure, Professor Guttman, said: "I feel very good. Tenure is extremely important to academic freedom and integrity. It means that I can continue to pursue my interests and develop new courses with the confidence that I will be continuing here and that I have the support of the administration and the confidence of my colleagues. It also means—and this is very rare in the world—I can offer suggestions to the administration without fear of sanction."

PHOTOS BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Dunsmore, Franklin, Guttman, Kaha, Owen, and Pillow.

Professor Kaha earned a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, with an interdisciplinary degree in communication and philosophy. She has published articles in *Critical Studies in Mass Communication*, *Cultural Studies*, *Symbolic Interaction* and *Proteus*, among others. This is the second time Professor Kaha has been through the tenure process; she remarked: "I find it is an interesting way to review one's goals regarding scholarship. Hamilton has a detailed and thorough tenure process." She continued; "Of course, I am delighted to have received tenure. Tenure means a lot in terms of

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McHugh named Goldwater scholar

by Kat McGrory '05
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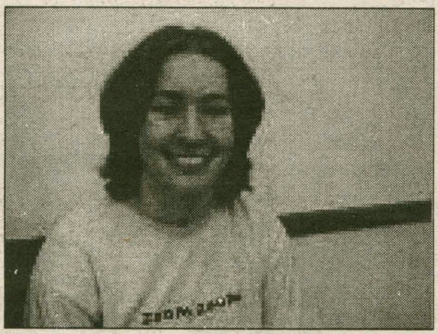

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Shayna McHugh '05.

The Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program honoring Senator Barry M. Goldwater has named Shayna McHugh '05 a Goldwater Scholar for the 2003-2004 academic year. According to ontheHill.com, the scholarship, "designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering," is considered the premier undergraduate scholarship in those fields.

"My mom told me on a cell phone in the middle of a science convention, and I screamed," recalled McHugh of learning that she had been honored by the Goldwater program. "I got lots of weird looks," she laughed.

"I thought I had a very strong application, but I wasn't sure I'd actually get it. It was a surprise, but a very pleasant one," she said.

Nominated by faculty members of the colleges and universities they attend, Goldwater scholars are selected on the basis of academic merit. From the 1,093 applicants to apply this year, McHugh was one of 300 to be granted a scholarship. The scholarships, as much as $7,500 each year, cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board, and may be renewable for up to two years.

A chemistry major on the Hill, McHugh has been conducting research in organic chemistry since 2002. Under the guidance of Professor Robin Kinnel, McHugh's project sought to extract opalau'amine, a recently discovered cancer-fighting compound, from a marine sponge, to isolate and identify other chemicals from the sponge, and to test them for antibiotic and anti-cancer properties.

"With chemistry, every day is something new. Even in the lab, when you're doing the same process day in and day out, there is always the potential to take the project one step further," said McHugh. "The combination of the excitement and my ultimate goal, to find anti-cancer compounds, excites me," she added. She was recently selected to present the results of this research at the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in Denver in February. McHugh also presented a poster detailing the project at the 225th American Chemical Society National Meeting in New

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Students, Levitt Center poll high schoolers on patriotism

by Kat Lexa '05
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Identifying patriotic attitudes of national high school seniors is critical as the war continues in the middle east. Hamilton College sociology students, in conjunction with the Levitt Center and Zogby International, conducted a national poll. The survey was spread out from March 12-14 and March 17-18 and Hamilton researchers paid close attention to the change in patriotism as President Bush led the country to war.

Pollsters asked 1001 high school students questions about patriotism, military service, imminent war and related questions. The results of the survey found that the average high school senior described himself or herself as moderately patriotic (6.4 on a scale of 1 to 10). According to the Levitt Center's report of the data, high school seniors are less patriotic than adults. Very few high school students considered themselves to be extremely patriotic and close to half described themselves to be slightly patriotic. 24 percent of adults polled by Gallup described their leanings as extremely patriotic and another 24 percent identified themselves as slightly patriotic.

The survey also uncovered a large gap in the feelings of patriotism within certain ethnic groups. According to the Levitt Center report, "Sixty-one percent of white high school seniors rate themselves as Extremely or Very Patriotic, compared with 34 percent of blacks, 38 percent of Hispanics and 42 percent of Asians."

One of the most interesting findings of the survey, according to Stephanie Valle '05, a member of the class, was the nationalist attitude displayed by the seniors. In the poll, 72 percent of the high school seniors reported that they would take offense if people talked during the national anthem; another 59 percent would take offense if someone did not stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Valle says, "I really didn't think the numbers would be that high – but apparently they think it is an important thing to show respect for the national anthem and the Pledge."

Hamilton students' survey also uncovered important attitudes concerning peace protesters. 63 percent of high school seniors reported that people protesting against the war are Patriotic, since "they are exercising their rights as citizens to protest policies they believe are wrong."

The poll originated when Hamilton students in Professor Dennis Gilbert's sociology class called Using Survey Research. According to Valle, "We decided to do patriotism because, post 9/11, what defines patriotism has become a hot topic in the United States. We poll high school seniors because they are a population that is not normally studied and one with which we have a connection."

Hamilton students designed the original questions and cooperated with Zogby International in Utica to use their polling telephones to call random numbers across the United States. Each Hamilton student had to survey 10 high school students and report back to the class on their findings.

Of the experience, Valle says, "This was one of the most interesting parts of the process because using randomly dialed numbers from around the country, we got to talk to high school

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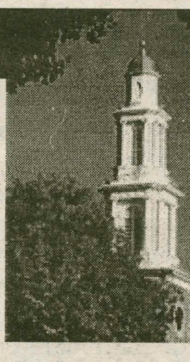

Compiled by Alexandra Sear '05

Past Director of UCLA Drug Policy Program Convicted of Running LSD Lab

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — A former co-director of the University of California at Los Angeles Drug Policy Analysis Program was convicted Monday of running one of the largest LSD laboratories in history — out of an old missile silo.

William Leonard Pickard, who was employed at UCLA for nearly two years, and Clyde Apperson, his assistant, were convicted Monday of two counts each of conspiring to distribute and manufacture large amounts of LSD.

On Oct. 31, 2000, the Drug Enforcement Agency discovered an old missile silo in Kansas that had been used as an LSD lab. The lab had been taken apart and was packed up in storage boxes.

In the silo, agents found 90.86 pounds of LSD and 14 canisters of a chemical needed to produce LSD. The canisters were valued at more than $1 million.

Pickard and Apperson were arrested Nov. 6, 2000, outside Wamego, Kan., while trying to move their drug lab using a rental truck.

According to court testimony, Pickard and Apperson formerly produced LSD in Sante Fe, N.M. Every five weeks, they produced 2.2 pounds of LSD — about 10 million doses.

The LSD, which could be sold for about $10 per dose, was being shipped to California and Europe for distribution, according to court testimony.

Pickard, who was employed at UCLA from 1999 until about two months before his arrest in 2000, was the co-director of the Drug Policy Analysis Program.

The program, which is a part of the School of Public Policy, focuses on researching the effects of drug policy issues on the public, said Mark Kleiman, professor of public policy and director of the program.

Kleiman, who worked with Pickard, said he did not want to comment on the conviction of his former colleague.

Doherty Resigns After 3-Year Tenure at UNC

(U-WIRE) CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — After a week of intense speculation, the University of North Carolina made it official Tuesday evening: Matt Doherty will no longer be the Tar Heels' head coach.

Officially, the 41-year-old Doherty chose to resign after completing just three years of the six-year deal he signed in 2000. Doherty was absent from Tuesday evening's 8 p.m. press conference that featured UNC Athletic Director Dick Baddour and University Chancellor James Moeser, but issued a three-paragraph statement on his resignation.

"Effective today, I have resigned the position of head basketball coach at the University of North Carolina," the statement read. "Clearly, this has been a most difficult day for my staff, our families and for me."

For his decision to step down, which Baddour and Moeser both praised as illustrative of the former coach's "class," Doherty's will receive a buyout package that adds up to roughly $337,500, including 15 months of extended salary ($187,500) and a payment for his work on North Carolina basketball camps ($150,000).

Doherty compiled a record of 53-43 in his three seasons. He earned many National Coach of the Year awards during his first season when he guided the Tar Heels to a 26-7 mark. The 2001-2002 campaign ended disastrously though, North Carolina finished dead last in the ACC with a record of 8-20.

Doherty's squad rebounded this season after an influx of three McDonald's All-Americans. The 2002-2003 Tar Heels finished 19-16, despite suffering the loss of freshman Sean May, the Tar Heels' lone low post threat, early in the season due to a broken foot.

Baddour repeatedly emphasized that the University held Doherty's accomplishments during his tenure in high regard.

WORLD NEWS

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Airstrikes Slam Baghdad; Allies Close In

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Huge explosions Wednesday night rocked southern Baghdad, where U.S. forces bore down on the capital's outskirts even as Iraqi TV showed pictures of a laughing and relaxed Saddam Hussein.

A statement attributed to Saddam told the Iraqi people that "victory is at hand."

Saddam wore a military uniform, looking jovial and even laughing at one point as he met with Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz and several Cabinet ministers and aides, according to the silent footage shown on state TV.

A news anchor in a military uniform said the Iraqi leader urged his people to rise up, adding that the country's armed forces have yet to display their full battle power.

"Fight them so that Iraq, the bastion of religion and principles, will be secured and our (Islamic) nation will come out of this crisis glorious," state TV quoted Saddam as saying.

"Fight them. Victory is at hand, God willing, although we have only utilized a third or less of our army while the criminals have used everything they brought in."

The statement singled out the 11th Division of the Iraqi army and Baath Party members in Nasiriyah and other southern towns who have "exhausted" the coalition forces, and urged Iraqis to follow their example.

Turkey OKs Limited Cooperation With U.S.

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey agreed Wednesday to let the United States send food, fuel and medicine - but not weapons - through its territory to U.S. soldiers fighting in Iraq, another sign of limited cooperation from NATO's only Muslim member.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and Turkish leaders also agreed on an "early warning" system to avert friction between Turkey and Iraqi Kurds - an accord designed to block Turkey from sending its forces into northern Iraq. Washington fears that could lead to Turkish clashes with Iraqi Kurds and undermine the U.S.-led war effort in Iraq.

Powell's visit came amid tensions between Washington and Turkey, where polls show more than 90 percent of the people are against the Iraq war.

Some 500 protesters gathered outside Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's office while Powell was inside, chanting "Yankee, go home."

Turkey's parliament last month rejected a motion that would have allowed in 62,000 U.S. ground troops to open a northern front against Iraq, a move that analysts said likely would have led to a shorter, quicker war.

China Allows WHO to Probe Mystery Illness

BEIJING (AP) — Under escalating global pressure, China agreed Wednesday to let international health investigators visit the place where the mystery illness apparently began - the southern province of Guangdong.

Officials also updated the nation's death toll by a dozen to 46 as they revealed the illness had spread to other regions and sickened far more than they initially reported.

China's move comes after days of criticism over its secretiveness about the disease. Worldwide, at least 78 people have died and more than 2,200 are believed to be sick with severe acute respiratory syndrome, SARS, the World Health Organization said.

There is no medicine to treat the illness, and scientists still have not confirmed which virus causes it. The WHO health investigators believe Guangdong offers valuable clues to the disease.

As China agreed to more openness, the Geneva-based WHO advised travelers not to go to Hong Kong and Guangdong - the first time the agency has issued such an advisory in at least a decade. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention already recommended postponing nonessential trips to mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Hanoi, Vietnam.

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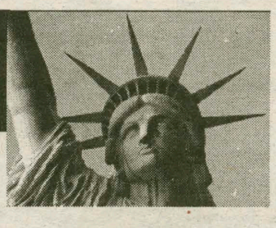

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U.S. War Strategy Aimed at Setting Stage

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. strategy in the move on Baghdad is aimed at setting the stage for either a climactic final battle for Saddam Hussein's seat of power or the sudden surrender of his best troops.

Pentagon officials indicated on Wednesday they were not counting on capitulation. "It doesn't seem likely," said Victoria Clarke, spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Short of surrender, the likely next steps are head-to-head battles with what is left of the Republican Guard, more bombing of those Iraqi forces' armor and infantry, and precision strikes inside Baghdad at "regime and leadership targets" - a euphemism for Saddam and his inner circle.

Put simply, "They're trying to kill the leadership," said William Arkin, a private defense analyst.

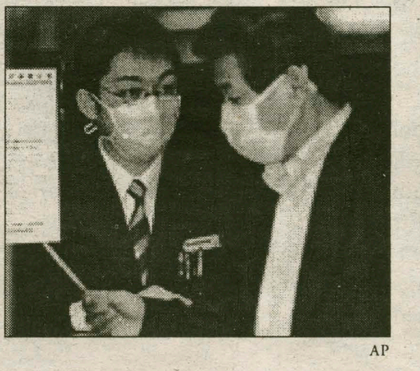
If they succeed, the government might unravel and the war come to a relatively quick end. If not, the Americans could find themselves in an urban battle risking higher casualties - military and civilian.

That battle for Baghdad, a military official said Wednesday, would start with U.S. military efforts to cordon off the city and to convince its 5 million people to either rise up against Saddam's regime or at least stay out of the way of American forces. Inside Baghdad, the official said, key targets include the bridges over the Tigris River and the Saddam International Airport, crucial for shipments of not only military gear but also humanitarian aid.

CDC Has Test to Confirm Mystery Illness

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. health officials said Wednesday they now have a test to determine whether coughing, feverish patients have the mystery illness from Asia.

The new antibody test isn't perfected enough to be given to doctors yet, but it is being used to help state health departments sort out whether they have cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said they will soon be giving test results in suspected SARS cases to state health officials. The test detects the new form of the coronavirus, which CDC officials say they are "90 percent" sure causes SARS.

Doctors in the United States suspect that 85 people - nearly all of them having recently traveled to SARS-affected areas in Asia - have the illness, which has killed 78 people around the world. But physicians cannot be sure if their patients have SARS or other flu-like illnesses. This test will help confirm SARS cases, CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said Wednesday.

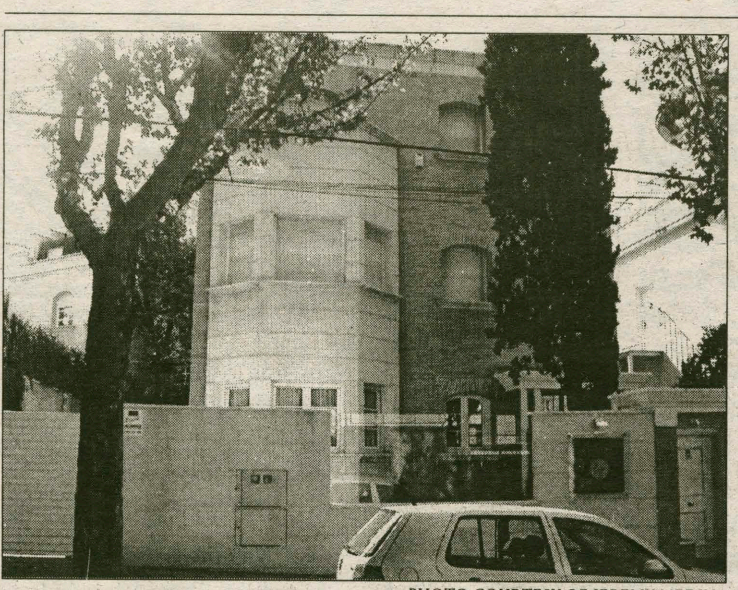
Court: HMOs Can Be Made to Open Networks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that states can pass laws forcing HMOs to open their networks to more health care providers, giving patients broader choices of doctors and hospitals but potentially boosting costs.

The unanimous ruling was a setback for the managed care industry, which argued that closed networks lower health care costs because providers agree to accept lower fees in return for a guaranteed stream of patients.

The decision also gives states more freedom to regulate insurance companies, another in a line of decisions from the court expanding states' rights.

About half the states have passed "any willing provider" laws in the past decade in response to complaints that HMOs and insurance companies sometimes block people from seeing the doctors of their choice.



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An exterior view of the new building in Madrid.

Junior Year in Spain program inaugurates new center in Madrid

by Anna Blabey '04
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The Hamilton College Academic Year in Spain (HCAYS) celebrated the inauguration of its new center in Madrid (Centro Universitario de Estudios Hispánicos) on Friday, March 21. Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty David Paris, as well as directors of HCAYS and members of its board of directors from Grinnell, Hamilton, Princeton, Scripps, Swarthmore and Williams, traveled to Madrid to attend the ceremonies along with current professors, students and others with ties to the program. Although the new building has been in use since the beginning of the 2002 fall term, the inauguration marked the official opening of the Center.

The day started off with an open house for the three-story building, which used to be a private family mansion. The Center has three classrooms, a dance studio, a library, a student study area, two computer labs, a lounge for professors, a reception area and administrative offices. It is located in the university neighborhood of Madrid, just around the corner from one of Madrid's private universities, San Pablo, at which Hamilton students are able to enroll in classes and enjoy full use of facilities. The program was previously housed in the historical International Institute with numerous other study abroad programs. Hamilton officials made the decision to relocate in order to separate Hamilton students from this American and English-speaking environment. The new location also makes possible the program's affiliation with San Pablo, and therefore facilitates relationships with Spanish students as well.

A jazz performance by Jocelyn Medina, daughter of Hamilton Spanish professor and HCAYS founder and General Director Jeremy Medina, and Dan Rochlis followed the open house. Santiago Tejerina Canal, Coordinator of the event and current Resident Director of the program, then began the ceremonies. Besides introducing speakers, Canal made sure to mention that this event was one of the very few exceptions that Hamilton makes to the Spanish-only rule, since some of the visitors in the audience did not speak Spanish, and the ceremonies proceeded in a mixture of Spanish and English. HCAYS Director Antonio Giménez Cruz from Williams College gave an introduction to the HCAYS video from the early '90s. After the video, Jeremy Medina spoke of his memories of HCAYS, which he founded in 1974 after three years of research and with funds from the Hamilton College Program in France. He cited examples of the progress the program has made since its humble beginnings, such as the fact that it started off with just one group day-trip to Toledo per term. Now Hamilton students are treated not only to a 10-day orientation trip to Spain's northern coast in the fall and its southern coast in the spring, but they go on three other group excursions per semester to explore even more of what Spain has to offer.

After Medina, Spanish painter and longtime HCAYS art history professor Alfredo Ramón related his own memories of the program, including those of fellow professor Mari Paz Lafuente, who taught for the program for over twenty years until she passed away just over a year ago. Ramón concluded by donating one of his own pieces to the new Hamilton Center. Emma Benn, a Swarthmore junior currently studying with HCAYS, then related the student's point of view on the Spanish experience. The keynote speaker, Margarita Pillado from Grinnell College, gave a speech entitled, "La modulación espacial del acercamiento cultural: Una reconsideración de 'Los últimos de Filipinas,'" (The spacial modulation of the cultural approach: a

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Baghdad within reach of Allies

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In addition to the fighting around Baghdad, large sections of the city lost power for reasons unknown. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff stated that the city's power grid had not been targeted in the latest attacks.

In the south of Iraq, British forces set up camp for the first time in the city of Basra, the center of Shiite Muslim culture and the scene of fierce fighting between Iraqi forces and anti-Hussein rebels.

Meanwhile, in a press conference in Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said that there is "not a chance" that the U.S. would allow the war to be stopped and keep Saddam Hussein as the leader of Iraq. Rumsfeld also added that it was too late for Saddam to seek exile. However, the defense secretary urged members of Iraq's military to stage an uprising. "Iraqi officers and soldiers can still survive and help to rebuild a free Iraq, if they do the right thing," Rumsfeld said. "They must now decide whether they want to share the fate of Saddam Hussein or whether they'll save themselves, turn on that condemned dictator and help the forces of Iraq's liberation," he stated.

Commenting on three recent deadly accidents involving US casualties, Rumsfeld stated "There are portions of this battle that are enormously complex, and human beings are human beings... And things are going to happen, and it's always been so and it will be so this time - it's always sad and tragic and your heart breaks when people are killed or wounded by [it]."

As news came of forces reaching Baghdad, the family of rescued 19-year-old POW Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch said that she was in good spirits after back surgery, but that reports of her being repeatedly shot and stabbed were incorrect. The families and loved ones of five other POWs from the 507th, based at Fort Bliss, Texas, are still waiting for word of the soldiers' status.

AP
An Iraqi woman watches a soldier being dragged away.

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nology upon journalism and its audience.

Combining his major of computer science with his interest in journalism, LaRosa says, "the Watson will provide an incredible bridge into graduate school and put into context all my future studies."

In addition to providing a opportunity for individualized study and travel, LaRosa says that "what's fun and will continue to increase my excitement is that with every article I read, I find something interesting and new to study...it's a matter of sucking out the best stuff." Huynh expressed a similar nervous excitement about his project, titled "Acculturation in a New Nation: The Vietnamese Refugees," which will explore the culture of immigrant Vietnamese around the worth with a focus on the generational differences in families' acculturation.

"The fellowship is very personal to me because I am second generation Vietnamese," says Huynh. In addition, the proposal was inspired and grew as a natural extension of Huynh's semester abroad in Vietnam. Huynh will be traveling to France, Germany, Russia, Thailand, and the Philippines and live with different families and become a part of the community in order to see the ways in which the refugees have adapted to each nation's culture. Huynh hopes to use his grant as the beginning of a sociological study that he will continue to explore in graduate school after returning from his year abroad.

Both LaRosa and Huynh suggest that future applicants for the Watson Fellowship begin considering the details of their applications early in order to allow for the evolution of their proposed investigation. In addition, the Fellows recommend that potential candidates seek advising from many sources. Huynh accredits his success to Ginny Dosh, the head of the Watson committee; Thomas Bass, a professor of American Studies, and Steven Yao, an English professor. "The application process is so strenuous, and there were many times when I wanted to give up," says Huynh, crediting the support of his advisors as a factor that ensured he completed the process.

Over the next few months, LaRosa and Huynh will endeavor to make their proposal into a reality while finishing their final days at Hamilton. Once the Fellows leave America, they must be gone for a full year and turn in quarterly reports detailing their experiences. At the conclusion of their study and travel, fellows must turn in a brief summary of their year and will have acquired knowledge that enables them to continue their study or embark upon a career with a global understanding of their field.

Goldwater Scholar McHugh hopes to continue anti-cancer research

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Orleans, March 23-27.

"There were 20,000 chemists at the conference in March. I got lots of practice in explaining my work," McHugh described. "It was also really cool to see all of the cutting edge work that's going on. It was a thrill to be part of a huge engine of scientific progress, moving forward little by little."

McHugh is a Dean's List student, and a recipient of Hamilton's Siuda Foundation Scholarship for Academic Merit. Additionally, she is the recipient of a Merch/AAAS Summer Research Grant ; a Phi Beta Kappa Book Prize, awarded to the 10 first-year students with the best academic record; and the G. Harvey Cameron Prize, awarded to the first-year student with the most promise in experimental physics.

In addition, McHugh serves as a peer tutor in for chemistry, physics and math, and as a writing tutor in the Nesbitt-Johnson Writing Center. McHugh is also a founding member of Hamilton's Copoiera Club.

In the future, the chemistry major hopes to pursue her passion for chemistry, and obtain a doctorate in the field. She dreams of becoming a medical research scientist.

"When I took my summer research job at Hamilton, I initially feared that 40 hours a week in the lab would be extremely boring," she said. "However, as soon as I got into it, everyday I looked forward to going to work. Today could be an exciting day; today could be the day I find a

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With the latest technological advances, and the Pentagon's embedded journalist program, the American news media, in particular television outlets, has been able to bring the American public some of the most up-to-date images, interviews, and coverage of the current conflict in Iraq. Broadcasters, it seems, are inundating us with information about the progress of the war and the state of the troops. In particular, the "embedded reporters" traveling across the desert and into battles with troops give us almost immediate visual and audio reports to let us know what's going on in Iraq. Regardless of personal views about the morality of the conflict, as an intellectual community it is important that we stop to truly analyze the type and quality of information that we are receiving.

When we turn on the television and see "live" reports from the front lines, it is sometimes hard to keep in mind that most of what these reporters see and hear never makes it back to our living rooms. When reading a newspaper, or listening to a broadcaster sitting behind a desk, it is easier to remain cognizant of the information gap between high-level officials and the public. When these reports are coming from someone in the midst of the action, it is easy to interpret them as real, accurate, and complete. However, embedded reporters are often even more limited in what details they can reveal than other frontline journalists because of a fear that they will reveal locations or specific strategies of the troops, which could result in a greater number of allied casualties. In addition, personal relationships with the soldiers who protect these reporters' lives may cause serious conflicts of interest and even lead to some controversial pieces of information not being released. As an accurate, reliable, and unbiased source of information, these embedded reporters fall far short. Although journalism should never threaten the lives of soldiers or civilians, a free press and the free flow of information are rarely in the direct conflict with safety that they are made out to be. The information we receive from this new breed of journalist does not need to be totally ignored; however, it needs to be carefully evaluated for the factors that influence both what we hear and what we don't.

This does not mean that embedded reporters will negatively impact media coverage of the war in the long-term. Regardless of what we don't currently hear, these reporters are present for, and involved in, many more of the day-to-day aspects of the campaign against Iraq than has traditionally been the case. As these reporters return home to begin their post-war careers, they may turn to writing novels about their experiences, a common practice among seasoned journalists. Without direct pressure from armed forces officials on whom their lives depend, and without the fear of hurting troops, these reporters will be able to reveal information about the campaign and the workings of the armed forces in combat situations that has not been previously available to the public. Of course, this information too must be taken in the context of each individual reporter's experiences and biases; however, the post-war work of the embedded journalist could significantly contribute to the public's understanding of the war.

As active citizens we need to be careful about how we interpret the information we receive about the current conflict in Iraq. Here on the Hill we teach, or are taught, to think critically, to question, and to analyze information from multiple perspectives. Although reports from the frontline can be captivating and exciting, we need to remember to take the same critical approach with these reports, and with all types of media, that we bring to our on-campus classwork and research.

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Campus Safety launches "roofies" investigation

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disorientation and memory loss. This drug is commonly slipped into the drink of an individual "as a prelude to rape and other sexual assaults."

"The situation is very dangerous," said Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls. "Rohypnol could be life-threatening; the side effects can be very serious, both physically and emotionally."

According to the email, "its presence in the United States in the late 1990s was a primary reason why we banned the use of punch bowls at parties on campus."

In addition to sending out the email, Campus Safety and the Kirkland Police Department began an investigation into the origins of the drug. However, due to the nature of the drug, finding the person or people responsible for its use will be difficult.

"The student in whom it was found remembers only up until a certain point and then remembers absolutely nothing," said Mitchell. "Once Rohypnol is in someone's system, it results in complete amnesia; there is absolutely no sense of memory. This makes it very difficult to investigate.

"In this case, we have to rely upon other people as witnesses. Our society has a very strong 'don't tell' ethic. My hope is that people will step up and help out," she added.

Ingalls urges anyone with information to immediately contact Campus Safety or call the tips line. Anonymous phone calls or letters are welcomed.

Professors discuss post-war Iraq

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wise, Professor Aranoff added that worldwide, "people are more content to see and believe news reports that confirm, not challenge, preconceived ideas about war."

The panel was very concerned with the future of Iraq after this war is over. Professor Yordan was primarily concerned with this issue, as he has studied Bosnia and America's attempt to establish sovereignty there. He said, "The war will be over when a new government is set up." He continued, "U.S. troops will probably end up patrolling streets, ensuring safety and peace. There will probably be up to 100,000 troops in Iraq for over a year training a new army and police force."

Orvis pointed to the success cases of Germany and Japan and how their governments were set up by America after WWII. He voiced skepticism of post-war plans, saying, "After the war is over, the American people will forget about it quickly, and if we withdraw fund, and troops, what happens then?" He added that the Republican Party is predicting a 1-2 year stay afterwards when it should be more like 5 years.

Lastly, Professor Aranoff's main concern seemed to be the apparent substitution of a War in Iraq for the War on Terror. She said, "90% of the reasoning for invading Iraq had been based on security reasons with 10% based on liberating Iraq. Now that we are at war, it seems to be the opposite." In light of a newly established Department of Homeland Security, about $2 billion has been allocated to homeland security, whereas the War on Iraq is costing America $90-200 billion.

Newly tenured professors "delighted"

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institutional procedure, but it does not change my goals or practices regarding scholarship and teaching."

Professor Owen earned her M.B.A. from Babson College and her Ph.D. from Brown. She has diverse research interests and has published several papers on long-run growth and income distribution, as well as teaching economics to undergraduates. She commented: "I'm very happy to have received tenure at Hamilton. Tenure is an important milestone in an academic career, made even more important by the fact that the consequences of not getting tenure are so dramatic (i.e. you have to leave.). I like being at Hamilton because I enjoy teaching and also doing my research. I especially enjoy working one-on-one with students who are engaged in their own research projects."

A member of the Hamilton faculty since 1996, Professor Pillow earned his doctoral degree from Northwestern University in 1995. The author of "Sublime Understanding: Aesthetic Reflection in Kant and Hegel" (as well as numerous journal articles), his areas of specialization and interests include Hegel and hermeneutics, and contemporary debates about the aesthetic dimension of human understanding and interpretation. In 2002 Pillow received the Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award. On his newly-tenured status, Pillow said he felt "Lucky and privileged." To Professor Pillow, receiving tenure means "freedom to concentrate on what matters most to me: writing and my students."

The granting of tenure is based on recommendations of the vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, and the committee on appointments, with the president of the college presenting final recommendations to the board of trustees. (biographical information taken from www.hamilton.edu/academics.)

Valle, Webb present poll results in Washington, DC

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seniors about their views. It was also frustrating because of all the numbers we had to go through to get 10 kids!"

After conducting the initial poll, students were able to iron out the wrinkles in the old polling questions and take their finalized survey to Zogby International. Zogby International then polled 1001 random high school students, which produced the results Hamilton students used for their final report.

Over spring break, Stephanie Valle and Sandy Webb '05 traveled to Washington DC to present their survey results at the National Press Club. Although Hamilton pollsters traditionally conduct research and refine their results for an entire semester before presenting their findings in the summer, the immediate relevance of this year's survey encouraged them to present their research as soon as possible.

Discussing the experience of presenting in Washington DC, Valle said, "While war breaking out the night before our press conference decreased some immediate interest in our findings, it was great to learn how to put together a press conference, press kits and figuring out all the data."

Center separates students in Spain from English-speaking environment

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reconsideration of 'The last of the Philippines') and Dean of Faculty of the University of San Pablo Luis Togores Sánchez discussed Hamilton's relationship with San Pablo. Finally, Dean Paris gave his words of dedication, and Williams student James Strawbridge finished the ceremonies with a jazz piano piece.

The crowd then gathered around the entrance to the property for the unveiling of the Hamilton program sign. Everyone proceeded to the outdoor reception of champagne and appetizers before taking a bus together to a grand, six-plate lunch at a Spanish restaurant. During the lunch, Scripps student Emily Hammad and Smith student Renata Kiburyte entertained the crowd with several flamenco dances learned from the program's flamenco classes, after which a Spanish university "tuna," a band of five singing and guitar-playing students dressed in medieval wear, played typical Spanish music.

The opening of the new center marks a significant change in the Hamilton program in Madrid, considered by many to be the best study abroad program in Spain for its emphasis on academic seriousness and its strict Spanish-only rule.

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Hey professors, I want to get to know you!

JONATHAN KUHL '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

As I suspect most high school students do, I began my search for the right college on a very broad scope. I looked at big universities, small liberal arts colleges, city schools, and rural schools. Eventually I wound up taking a tour of Hamilton, which is only an hour away from my house, and which was a school I hadn't otherwise considered. I loved it.

The size seemed perfect, and the campus had a nice community atmosphere that was appealing to me. With a wide array of activities, Hamilton offered not only the chance to get involved in many things, but also afforded me the opportunity to advance in those pursuits that I chose to dedicate myself to.

Perhaps most importantly, however, were the small class sizes and the opportunity to truly form a relationship with professors. Unlike the mammoth intro level courses at large schools, Hamilton offers a more discussion oriented forum where students get to hear from each other and their professors. It was the promise of that faculty/student bond that brought me to the Hill.

Unfortunately, I have been somewhat disappointed in what I have experienced thus far. Surely, I have had some wonderful professors whom have made the effort to get to know me and those in my class, but those have been the exception, not the rule.

I want to be invited to have lunch with my professors, I want to be invited to their houses for dinner, and I want to get to know them outside of class. At Hamilton we are fortunate enough to have small enough classes where such opportunities are realistic, and on some occasions they do occur. My problem is that they don't happen often enough.

To illustrate my point, I had the pleasure of taking a course with a certain economics professor last fall. After class one day he noticed a fellow classmate and me having lunch in the diner. After picking up some food himself, he asked to join us, allowing us to better get to know him and why he chose to dedicate his life to economics. This same professor also took the initiative to take every student to the Backus house for lunch, as have other professors of mine. I am grateful for such occasions and wish they were a more frequent occurrence.

Perhaps the problem is two-fold; maybe the students, including myself, could do a better job seeking out professors. Office hours are certainly always an option and one that is not always utilized. When a discussion gets particularly interesting and heated, although unconventional, maybe the professor should invite students to continue it outside of the classroom environment. If students share an interest with a professor, an effort on both sides should be made to further and explore that interest. That's how careers are spawned and mentor/protégé relationships are formed.

For me, there is nothing better than hearing from personal experience about the events that unfold in the subject matter being taught. If the domain is science, tell me what research projects you participated in, how they turned out, and what you liked or didn't like about such work. Tell me why you're teaching what you are: as a professor there must be something about the field that made you not only want to study it, but also share that excitement with others.

On the other hand, I have also experienced the rather cold and uncaring attitude that one might expect at a much larger school. When professors don't even take the time to get to know students names, I start to question why they chose Hamilton to begin with. It frustrates me when the attitude conveyed is one of merely going through the motions, and not a passion for what one is teaching or the students being taught.

This is a wonderful college, and I am thoroughly enjoying my college career thus far. Nevertheless, if I could improve something it would be the student/ teacher relationship. I only say this because with the extremely capable faculty and student community that we do have at Hamilton, change is possible.

Hamilton: the most jacked college around

TIM MUDIE '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

When visitors come to Hamilton they inevitably ask one question: is everybody here an alcoholic? Ok, so there are two questions. The other one is: how is everybody here in such amazing shape? And while I know that Hamilton students are "Mostly Moderate" or "Liars about Their Drinking Habits," thus invalidating the first question, I wasn't really sure at first why Hamilton students are in such great shape. Then I remembered that there are mandatory physical education credits here.

I'm not really sure why students are required to take phys. ed. and aren't required to take, oh, say math for example. (Well, from my class onward... suck it, upperclassmen). Now, don't get me wrong, I would much rather take gym than math. Of course, I'd rather hit myself in the face with a hammer than take math. Regardless, it's a strange phenomenon that Hamilton requires five gym credits. I don't know of any other schools that do this. And, while it's perfectly normal to bitch and moan about this sort of thing, I don't mind it. Really, where else are you going to get credit for playing volleyball? Maybe Volleyball University, but that's about it. Besides, I hear that their math requirements suck.

My experience with gym has been great; I passed my swim test and my physical fitness test and so far I've taken volleyball and weight-lifting. Volleyball was especially sweet. Of course, all my gym classes have been better than my regular classes. And the fact that they're pass/fail doesn't hurt either. But, while volleyball is a great class, I miss the gym classes of my youth. How awesome would it be to get credit for dodgeball or matball? Matball is what I especially would like to see. I think that we could start a world-wide matball renaissance simply by getting the ball (so to speak) rolling.

How exciting would it be to see the United States Olympic Matball Team beat the Russians in a down-to-the-wire, two men each on second and third, ghost-runners on first, the pitcher trying to call the runners off the base (because, as we all know, when a runner leaves the base in matball, they can't go back). Man, I'm getting pumped just thinking about it. But, I should probably get back to talking about gym. Anyway, before matball we should probably offer a class in basketball or something. If Hamilton could make me a decent basketball player that would be well worth the tuition.

Well, as much as I would love to finish my article now, I'm all hopped up about matball. In fact, I might just go play some, whether I get credit for it or not. But to sum up the article, gym class is a good time, even though it would be infinitely cooler if classes were offered in stuff like dodgeball. And with that, I'm off to play a rousing game of matball. Now I just need to find about thirty of my closest friends.

THUMBS UP

- ATX's decision to have a pledge class after all... can you imagine a Hamilton without 16 chaste sophomores?

- "Accidentally" forgetting to set your clock ahead for Daylight Savings until after your Monday morning classes

- Pledge parties, pledge Jitney service, pledge entertainment in Commons...so basically, pledges

- The friendly rivalry among campus bands making our weeknights at the Pub, VT, and Opus more enjoyable

- Winter sports awards: Cady Kashner winning the national championship in the 1-meter dive, and Joe Finley being named first team All-American

THUMBS DOWN

-The irresistible allure of the glowing white light emanating from the ice cream machines, pulling you in four times a day

-The declinig state of the already pathetic treadmills....honestly, $37K could get you a hell of a gym membership elsewhere

-Driving through a blizzard on the way back from Spring Break (key word here: SPRING!!)

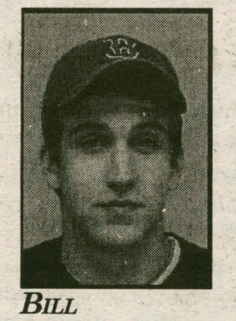
- Frankly, everything. I mean what is there to like in this ungodly weather? Isn't that what class presidents are for, Mo?

WHO CARES?

- The Insights & Ideas editors' insistence that we comply with their decision to include a photo next to each person's article. Fortunately we already had a photo on file:

Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03

My break: war and Georgia



Bill Chenevert '05
News Editor

Welcome back to the Hill, readers. Spring Break is over and now we are faced with the ugly truth of our academic situations - piles of work to get through. I'd put money on this common scenario happening to many of you: you bring home a dozen books expecting to be conscientious, read, catch up, and get ahead. When really you just slept a lot, enjoyed your home kitchen, watched a lot of TV, and went out with anyone who was around because everyone else had Spring Break two or three weeks ago. Which was sweet, but four weeks of class left means buckling down to secure those mediocre grades our professors like to give out.

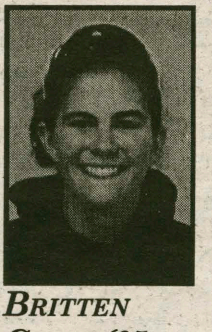
So over break we had a war on Iraq erupt entitled Operation Iraqi Freedom. Everyone's asking "What do you think?" "Are you pro or anti?" At this point, Bush has made it hard to be against his campaign with hundreds of thousands of citizens in the line of fire. Nevertheless, the protests and the rallies have been interesting to observe. In particular, there was a very interesting one in Red Hook, New York, right in the middle of my one-stoplight town. Amateur (crummy) footage was running over and over on a public access channel, including interviews of participants and, more importantly, glimpses of Bard College/"townie" clashes that shocked and saddened me. This particular rally was in support of our troops in the Middle East, in response to a weekly presence of peace protestors in the middle of town. Specifically appalling was when one long-haired Bard student was trying to explain why he was against this war, and was verbally assaulted by two Red Hookers who associated all his comments with a liberal community and, bitingly, remarked: "Our troops are over there so that you can get a haircut, slick!" Good point.

I made my usual visit to my English teacher, who showed me the way towards the best department on campus, and we talked books, school, and inevitably politics. I explained my viewing of the local political debates and how I was slightly ashamed of the local sentiments. She was right though, there's ignorance everywhere, there's ignorance at Hamilton, and there's ignorance in the media. She also brought some things to my attention that made me question my vaguely anti-war ideas. She'd heard stories about the Iraqi government feeding civilians (I don't know if it's civilians, dissenters, or prisoners) into a wood-chipper, feet first to be coherent for the start, so as to show their fellow citizens not to mess with them. She explained that she saw something about the French motivation to not get involved coming from a huge oil contract with Iraq. Lastly, today I saw a CNN report on a small village in Iraq showing a victim of a random chemical weapon attack - subsequent scratching of the profuse itching effect resulted in a grotesque deformity of the face. Awful. It is hard to be against a war when you see things like that.

But enough war, I wanted to tell *Spectator* readers about my Spring Break too. I participated in the "Alternative Spring Break" program on a trip to Georgia with a motley crew of individuals. Nations represented on the trip were: Mongolia, Azerbaijan, the Czech Republic, Japan, Indonesia, and the United States. Furthermore, 5/6 of the United States representatives were either current RAs or former RAs. This was not a bad thing, but it made me think about Hamilton students. We all had a great time, and it was a rewarding experience. We witnessed the deep South and all of its cultural glory; we ate well, had our transportation provided for us, as well as park fees in coastal and bayou Florida on our day off. I do not resent or disrespect those who sought hedonistic pleasures in tropical locations. I would have done the same given the money and resources; however, the lack of diversity of different kinds of students seemed telling.

Summer feels closer than ever, which means the end of sophomore year, goodbyes to hundreds of Hamiltonians, and the beginning of a new baseball season (Go Red Sox). Good luck getting all that work done, and, if you have time, read and watch as much as you can about this war so as to be an educated voter in 2004.

Can America stomach Iraq?



Britten Chase '05
Insights & Ideas Writer

So after months and months of "We're going to war-kinda-sorta-maybe," we are going to war. For real. As in, "Why did Saddam cross the road?" "Because the Marines were chasing him the hell out of Baghdad."

Which brings up the question: Are we as a country ready for this?

This is not something where we can stay in our planes and just bomb to our hearts' content. And it's not something where we are throwing folks out of a country with their tails tucked between their legs.

This is us crossing a border, going into another country, and taking it over, piece by piece until we can do with it as we see fit. It's going to cost a lot of lives, and it will change many more lives for ever.

Can we deal?

Sure. Or at least at first we could. We thought this was going to be easy. Three days. Short and sweet and cheap and easy. We could do that, no problem.

And then... problem. As polls show, we as Americans were for war. It was all good and fun and patriotic until our people started getting killed. Then support fell faster than... well... something that falls really fast.

Americans have never been fans of seeing body bags coming home. Which brings up the question of what country does like to see body bags coming home? But I digress. We've always been about fighting for our principles, but not to the point of sacrificing our youth. We as average Americans care, but not enough to send our soldiers out never to return.

So as the war stretches on, it will be interesting to see how we, the American public, will perceive it. How long can we stick to our principles of freeing Iraqis (if that is what the war is really about, but who buys that? No one of course, but just go with it) before the cost is too great? And if we decide to stop supporting this war, what happens? Will the administration listen to us?

Who knows. It's been barely two weeks, and it is probably too early for these questions. But if we're already getting impatient, just think about how well extended occupation is going to go over. The death toll is mounting and the days and endless news coverage are going on and on. We're not going to end this thing with the same enthusiasm we started it with, and in the end we may look back and see this as a horrible idea.

Let's see how long we can stomach this.

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Lots about the ups, little about the downs

Tim Gershon '03
Insights & Ideas Contributor

Like my decision to become a Resident Advisor (RA), my reason for writing this article is largely financial. The Office of Residential Life has challenged the Resident Advisors to a "writing contest." The topic? "[T]he RA position, the ups, a little bit about the downs, but mostly the ups." The prize? Fifty dollars.

If it's not clear, I've got a moral dilemma on my hands. To win the contest I need to paint a largely favorable picture of the Resident Advisor's job. To preserve my journalistic integrity, I need to write an accurate article.

Let me reiterate my purpose: to write a lot about the ups, and a little about the downs of the RA position.

Many Resident Advisors agree that being guaranteed a single room, regardless of class year, is a wonderful privilege. In addition, being able to by-pass the lottery system, often getting better housing than otherwise possible, is a plus. Colby Fisher '03 (South) is one such RA who has benefited from this. "My junior year I really wanted to live in Eells, but because it went so fast in the lottery in knew I didn't stand a chance. But because I was a returning RA, not only did I get to live in Eells, but I got a single," says Fisher.

For others, the opportunity to meet and interact with other Resident Advisors is a highlight. The job is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors and therefore provides an easy opportunity to meet fellow students of different ages and backgrounds. "If I weren't a RA, I would never have met Ben. Man, my life would be empty without Benny-boy," says Rowland Boateng '03 (Griffin Road). Sometimes, even romances result from the job. Shana Farer-Feld '03 (Ferguson) and Adam Lavallee '05 (North) are two such lucky people. "I'm ecstatic for meeting Adam — and I have to thank the RA position for that."

The satisfaction in being an RA, however, is not limited to selfish reasons. Annually, the RA staff does several community service projects in the Utica area. In addition, the staff sponsors many campus and dorm-wide events. "Giving back to the community is something which I think is very important, and I'm glad the Office of Residential Life feels the same way," reflects Theresa Hilton '03 (Babbitt).

There are some drawbacks to the position: on-call shifts, for example. Several times a semester each RA is required to serve "on-call." Unfortunately the RAs on-call are just about never called upon and wind up sitting locked up in their room for no reason. About the on-call system, Ben Schuster '03 (McIntosh) says, "The system clearly needs to be improved or eliminated altogether because it's simply not being used as it is now."

Another sensational part of the RAs job is compensation. "The job market is tight these days," says Jon Paul Bellona '03 (Rogers Estate) with dollar signs in his eyes.

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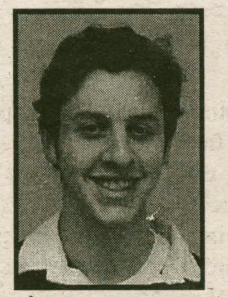
That guy



Adam Gordon '06
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Wherever you go, whatever you do, at sometime in your life you are bound to run into *that guy*. You could be at the movies, the beach or school; *that guy* is always lurking somewhere. Though I don't know him personally, I've definitely seen him around fulfilling his essential role as that that guy. So who is he? President Tobin? Charles Barkley? Cher? Before we reveal his true identity, let's figure out where we know him from.

In the movie theatre there is always that guy who yells out obnoxious comments and claps during dramatic scenes. Just as the hero is going to finish off the villain, that guy will yell out "Oh snap!" or something like "Awww yeah!" Then comes the irritating clapping which makes you want to dump your popcorn and souvenir soda all over him. Every damn movie you go to that guy will always be there acting like a moron, making you wish you had bought a ticket to the latest Snoop Dog flick instead. Even after five people in the audience tell him to shut his pie hole he continues to be a nuisance by reacting to every scene with exaggerated body movements. We all need to unite and stop *that guy* or else we'll never be able to enjoy movies again.

How about when you're in the elevator? After going down from the 30th floor at the end of a long day, the elevator stops at the second floor so that guy can get on and go one floor down to the lobby. "Hey buddy, have you ever heard of the stairs?" He also waits for those elevators that are jam packed. Even though it's obvious to everyone that there is no room at all, *that guy* squeezes himself in and some old lady in the back starts to suffocate. "Whoops, oppsee-doesie, sorry," he chuckles. As everyone glares at him, *that guy* just smiles for the incredibly long journey from the second to first floor.

That guy has also been known to interfere with your most precious photographic moments. As you snap a photo of your family with the last picture on the roll, somebody walks right in front of you, ruining the final picture of your vacation.

"Daddy, why are you so mad?"

"Because *that guy* decided to walk right in front of camera!"

There is no way to predict him. He just stands around waiting for just the right picture to get in the way of. In fact he can't help it, it's an addiction. The better the picture is set up, the more eager he is to ruin it. If we don't put that guy in his place, our future pictures will forever be in jeopardy.

This odd person may even hang out with you once in a while. When someone tells a joke or a funny story there is always *that guy* who tries to add to the humor, but in doing so totally ruins it. He'll say something so dumb everyone gets quiet and just shakes their heads thinking "*that guy* should go cordless bungee jumping." When *that guy* doesn't ruin a joke, he usually laughs harder and longer then everyone else, resulting in people staring at him. He just can't seem to keep his mouth shut.

Every school that suffers through cold weather has *that guy* who walks around in t-shirt and shorts despite the fact that it's snowing and 10 degrees out. Our school has him, my friends' schools have him, hell my mom's school had him. Whether he seeks attention or truly wants to conquer the cold, no one really knows what in the world possesses that guy to do it.

We can't forget about *that guy* who becomes so obsessed with a movie, song or show that everything he does reflects it. After seeing a movie like *The Terminator*, that guy can't talk to you without saying something from the movie:

"Hey man, how are you doing?"

"My C.P.U. is a neural-net processor-a learning computer."

"What?"

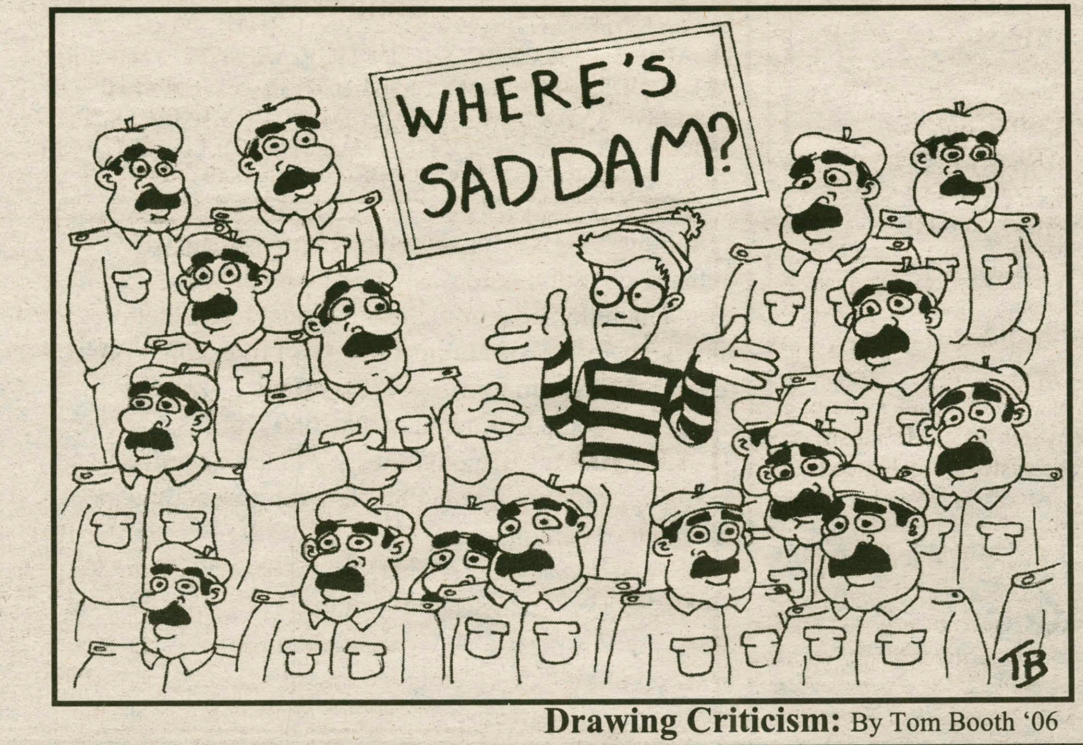
"I'll be back"

What's wrong with these people? *That guy* has to understand that it is not normal to pretend to have come back from the future to protect me. Though it's fun to quote movies every once in while, *that guy* doesn't know when to stop.

Now you may be wondering why it's always "that guy" and not "that girl." I have also pondered the same question. After slowly reasoning through several extremely complex mathematical calculations and conducting dangerous radioactive experiments, it became apparent that the only explanation lies in the fact that girls have cooties.

So, who is *that guy* anyway? He's unique, well known, sometimes annoying, and always there. The truth is that a little bit of that guy is in all of us! At some point in your life I'm sure you've been obnoxious at the movies, taken the elevator down one flight, made stupid jokes, and even quoted *The Terminator*. Instead of there actually being one person who always does those things, we all take turns being *that guy*. Sometimes it even feels good. Someone has just got to do it. If people didn't wear shorts in the freezing cold or walk in front of your camera, the world would be very a boring place. We need to appreciate *that guy* who stands out to makes things interesting and stir up our mundane existence. He lives for our entertainment; he lives to be *that guy*.

So the next time you're stuck in a full elevator and a smiling person tries to squeeze in, just smile back. *That guy* could be your next best friend.



Drawing Criticism: By Tom Booth '06

Stop Protesting... Never

This isn't Nazi Germany

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When President Bush delivered his ultimatum, I was in a dorm room visiting a friend at UD. We watched the speech, and the topic of protest came up. As I always do, I was wearing my "No Iraq War" pin, and had pinned the "War means People DIE" one to my bag. The friend I was visiting pulled me aside. "I was proud of not having an opinion either way, of being able to say I was deciding that there was no single answer. I'm ashamed of that now, now that war has begun. I should have done more to stop it."

Now, more than ever, is the time to protest. I support our troops. They signed up for this, yes, in a way, but they also are not to blame. While I still believe the decision to fight on an individual basis does further war, I can only pray for the safe return of troops needlessly deployed - on all sides of the conflict.

War is hell, and people will die. It is against the rules of war to target unarmed civilians. Despite their placement as human shields (as occurred in "Desert Storm"), the women and children of Iraq are not to be targeted. The van of women and children killed on Monday March 31st did not head orders to stop, but shooting first and asking questions later does not make American forces look like peacekeepers, or bearers of peace, as some would like to view them.

I receive CNN breaking news alerts, and when the alert reading "Explosions reported near Baghdad and northern Iraqi cities of Mosul and Kirkuk as Pentagon says massive attack begins" arrived shortly after lunch roughly two weeks ago, Rod Stewart's version of "Amazing Grace" was playing in the background. Now that war had begun, would I silence myself? Would I shift my focus to humanitarian efforts, hoping the rules of war will be obeyed and so on? No. I have renewed my efforts to protest.

The target of this movement is not now, nor has it ever officially been, against the armed forces. Instead, it is about using broad terms such as "evil" and "terrorism" to justify loosely defined goals and objectives involving equally weakly-worded phrases as "safety", "security" and so on. I cannot rationalize how calling for the troops to be sent home is less supportive - even detrimental - then rallying behind them, urging them on to battle and death.

At the PJAG meeting last night, ideas for visible protest were discussed. My personal objective is not to "shut down" the school, as others have "shut down" Lower Manhattan and Beacon Street. I wish only to show that life cannot simply go on uninterrupted, as if nothing had happened.

Sleep-ins, such as the one occurring at Georgetown University, die-ins, such as those held across the nation and more locally at Colgate, armbands, leafleting and poster campaigns, vigils, and other physical manifestations for peace are neither anti-American nor against the troops. They are against war.

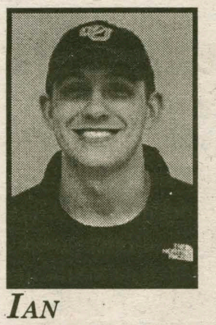
I respect the troops, yet I hate what they must do. There was a photograph described to me by my mother which showed a group of soldiers being sent off. A young man had just said good-bye to his wife and child. Rather than a thumbs-up and a grin, as we are so often shown, he was sitting on the ground, head in hands, sobbing. When you are called, you must go. At home, the wife of my youth minister is a nurse and her unit was called up. Despite having a young infant, she will have to go.

In many ways, the troops are a large reason as to why I will not shut up, move to Canada, stop flooding your inboxes, and "rally behind our President and our nation." I will cross-dress for peace; I will voice my opinions in discussions.

I am a citizen; I have taken great lengths to educate myself in regards to this conflict. I have taken a stance - and I will not back down. A friend recently called the following quote to my attention, and with it I will simply close - but you can expect to hear from me again:

"Of course the people don't want war. But after all, it's the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it's always a simple matter to drag the people along whether it's a democracy, a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism, and exposing the country to greater danger." — Herman Goering at the Nuremberg trials

A Democrat in support of war



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I believe that President George W. Bush is an inept leader is and unfit to hold a position of power in the most powerful nation in the world. I am pro-choice, in favor of strict gun-control laws, opposed to large tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the wealthy, and a strong believer in civil rights and the equality of women. Knowing this, it might not surprise you that I am a registered Democrat. So why can't I be in favor of war with Iraq? When I make my position known, whether it is to family members or friends, I receive strange looks that send a clear message: What kind of Democrat are you? Unfortunately, the war in Iraq has become a partisan issue in the minds of many Americans. Like so many other issues in American politics, war in Iraq has become a political pawn that is shuffled about on the checkboard of power. It is widely assumed that Democrats oppose the war and that Republicans favor it. Well, I'm a proud Democrat and I support military action in Iraq. Here's why...

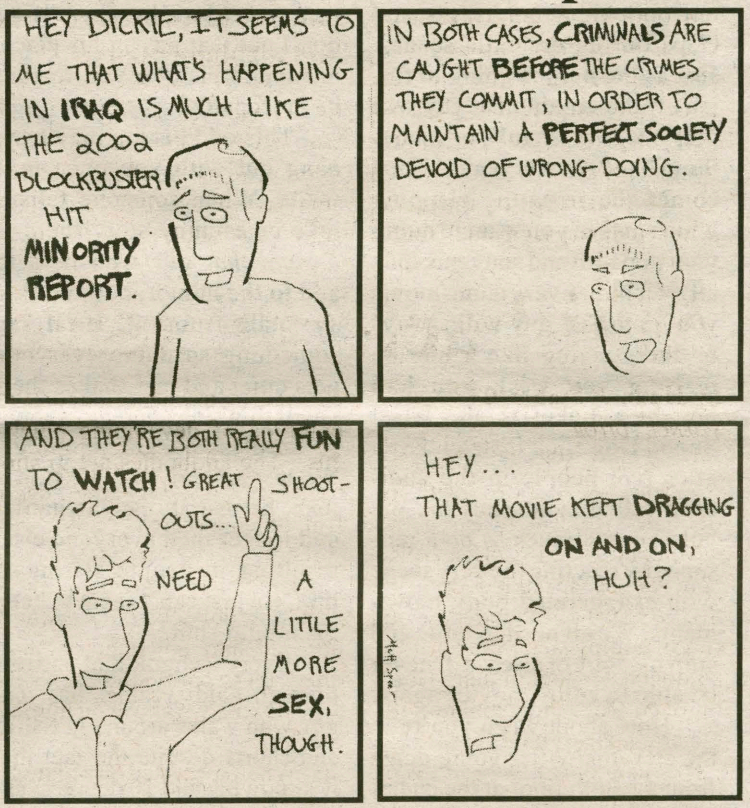
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (ironically the father of the modern Democratic Party) stated that "When you see a rattlesnake poised to strike, you do not wait until he has struck before you crush him." By no means do I feel that Saddam Hussein was planning on making a direct attack on the United States; however, I believe that he has stockpiled a supply of dangerous weapons of mass destruction that very well may include biological and chemical munitions. I can easily imagine a scenario where Saddam Hussein would give or sell some of these weapons to terrorist organizations that would undoubtedly use them against the U.S. Saddam and his regime are a blatant and immediate threat to the safety of our nation. Thus, we cannot wait until the gun is smoking in order to take action against the Iraqi leadership; instead, we must wrestle the metaphorical gun away from the shooter before he has the opportunity to pull the trigger.

Immediately after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, many people questioned why our intelligence agencies were not able to learn of the planned attacks on New York and Washington and subsequently stop them before they occurred. These people argued that with all the money our nation spends on intelligence, we should have known what was happening and taken preemptive action against the perpetrators. Now, imagine the following hypothetical situation. Envision that in January of 2001, newly elected President Bush had received information that there was a threat that terrorists would carry out attacks against American cities later in the year. Imagine that our government ignored these warnings and resolutely maintained that we could not justifiably take action until harm was done to us. Would those that oppose the current war in Iraq have supported this decision to take no action against the future terrorists who took down the World Trade Center? In the post-9/11 world of upgraded security and constant high alerts, we cannot afford to make such a mistake that could potentially lead to another catastrophe on American soil.

Saddam Hussein hates the United States with a deep passion and I believe he would do anything to hurt us while avoiding the brunt of our retaliation. I strongly believe that he would give or sell any of his weapons of mass destruction to terrorists for use against us. I cannot stand by and wait for terrorists armed with Iraqi weapons to bombard our cities and kill more of my fellow countrymen. Saddam Hussein is an extremely dangerous man. As early as fifteen years ago he used chemical weapons, including mustard gas, against Iraqi Kurds in northern Iraq. Saddam displayed then that he had no qualms about murdering his own citizens with dangers weapons; why then would he have reservations about unleashing similar weapons against us if the opportunity arose? Action must be taken to ensure that an attack of that nature never occurs in the United States. The current war in Iraq, which aims to remove Saddam from power, is an appropriate step in ensuring the future safety of our nation and of the world.

Yes, I am a Democrat who supports the war in Iraq. But such an explanation should never be necessary. Support for a war is not analogous to support for a tax cut or a social security plan. These partisan issues divide our government as proponents on the right and left respectively fight for their ideologies. War, on the other hand, is a matter of national security, a matter of life and death. I am offended that people have brought war into the dirty game of politics in which every action and event has consequences on somebody's political agenda. Thus, I support war not as a Democrat, but as a citizen, and I hope for the sake of the nation that people base their opinion on their true convictions rather than their political affiliations.

Liberal Art — Matt Speer '04



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What are you wearing?

How technology is transforming textiles

by Jonathan Rees '06
SCIENCE WRITER

Our lives revolve around textiles. From the moment you wake up in your warm, cotton sheeted bed to the time you take off your *North Face Gore-Tex jacket* (or *Carhartt* for you rugged folk) after a frigid day, you use textiles in nearly every situation.

Textiles have millions of uses besides our practical needs, like clothing, car upholstery and ace-bandages for example. There is extensive research and development of new, high tech textiles that can be applied to construction, surgery, military and just about every other major industry. For instance, Dubar-Warneton is producing a textile that can absorb up to five times its own weight in oil. This will be useful to clean up unfortunate spills.

The strongest material brings industry right back to nature. Spider silk is five times stronger than steel. For the last 400 million years, spiders have survived in nature by taking 20 amino acids - the same 20 amino acids that all organisms use to synthesize proteins - and turning them into nature's power thread. The Nexia Corporation has reprogrammed the genes of goats so that they may secrete spider-silk proteins from their mammary glands in their milk. This is necessary since spiders may not be farmed due to rampant cannibalistic tendencies. These threads will be turned into antiballistic vests and surgical sutures that are both finer and stronger than present nylon ties.

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Here, a woman models Japanese professor Susumu Tachi's new invisibility coat. This new technology has potential uses for medical surgeons, military camouflage and airplane pilots.

Perhaps the most innovative, mind-blowing technological breakthrough in the textile industry is the current development of the invisibility suit. Susumu Tachi, a professor at Tokyo University, is the developer of the suit. It is made of microscopic reflectors that mimic tiny television screens. These reflectors are so sophisticated that they may perfectly reflect images even when the suit is wrinkled. Finally, while looking through a special camera the images from the front of the coat are beamed to the back, without any time delay. The technology is in its infant stages. It is quite expensive and requires the use of a camera. However, over time, this invisibility coat will have beneficial utilities. Tachi knows his invisibility technology will be used for camouflage reasons by the military. He envisions aviation and surgical uses, too. Surgeons are often blocked by the size of their hands and thus have to make large incisions. If they could see through their hands they could reduce incision size and perform with more accuracy. Finally, airplane landings would be a facilitated if pilots could see through the floor.

The textile industry is undergoing fascinating growth. If you want more info on Tachi's suit:

http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_747591.html?menu=news.latestheadlines and

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A50276-2003Mar30.html

Anti-bacterial spice

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Spice up your life...with antibodies. Recent research has developed an anti-bacterial spice that can be sprinkled on your favorite dishes to reduce your risk of getting sick from harmful pathogens in your dinner. Hoon Sunwoo from the University of Alberta, Canada has successfully developed this new pathogen-fighting spice that was recently debuted at an American Chemical Society meeting.

For several years, farmers have been feeding antibodies to livestock to prevent illness and disease; however, this recent development marks the first time that this concept has the potential to be available commercially for human consumption. Pathogens that are the common culprits in most food poisoning cases in America, such as salmonella and E. coli, are injected into chickens in low, non-virulent amounts.

Chickens then produce an army of antibodies against these pathogens, which can be used to counteract illness in humans by sprinkling them on our foods. The difficulty in this procedure, however, is finding out exactly how to obtain these antibodies from the chickens.

Because antibodies are produced in the bloodstream, it can be difficult to get these disease-fighters into a viable form. Dr. Sunwoo has developed a procedure that sidesteps the entire problem. While the antibodies appear in the bloodstream, the antibodies are shuttled to the embryos of developing chickens. The antibodies act to surround the embryo and protect it from any dangerous pathogens. Collecting eggs from the injected chickens, Dr. Sunwoo simply dried the yolks of the eggs and purified and collected. Once dried, these antibodies are theoretically ready for use on human food.

When sprinkled on a plate of food, the antibodies would be ingested with the food and would aid in preventing illness from any pathogens on the food. These antibodies would seek out any salmonella or E. coli present in the food and would inhibit the bacteria from binding to receptors or from replicating and causing illness. Although testing on humans has not yet begun, the idea looks quite promising and relatively inexpensive.

Dr. Sunwoo explains that this idea could help to prevent some of the 5,000 cases of death due to food poisoning that occur every year in America, as one chicken yields enough eggs each year to decontaminate over 600,000 plates of food. This new anti-bacterial spice has the potential to drastically decrease the number of people who even become remotely ill due to food-borne bacteria.

Dr. Sunwoo hopes to begin researching other possibilities. He plans to investigate the potential to inject chickens with an antibody against acne, creating a powder that, when added to moisturizers, soaps, or lotions, would reduce acne and clear the skin.

Science Exploration Day

PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, March 18, Hamilton College's science departments hosted Science Exploration Day for the Wettel Elementary School in Vernon. This imaginative program helps Wettel students to develop a stronger awareness of science by engaging in science experiments and simulations. The Science Exploration Day also allows students to develop a broader and more diverse recognition of science, extending beyond chemistry, physics and biology. Wettel students bring their inquisitiveness, youth, and energy, and Hamilton faculty members share with them their expertise.

Students and faculty convened at 9:30 a.m. in the Science Auditorium with an introduction by Doug Weldon, Stone Professor of Psychology. Weldon entertained an enthusiastic bunch by discussing the brain and showing examples of the function of the nervous system. He asked, "Does anyone know what the brain's purpose is?"

Many of the Wettel students were up to par with their knowledge of the nervous system. With a show of hands, Wettel students exclaimed: "It tells you what to do!" "It controls your body!" "It tells you quicker actions [reflexes]" and "It helps you think." The students gave boisterous applause to Weldon's final simulation, in which he had the audience memorize a pattern on a rotation device. After staring at the center of the circular device that "appeared" to make the pattern grow large, the audience stared at Weldon's head. The children were mesmerized after they were able to "shrink" Weldon's head!

Robin Kinnel, Silas D. Childs Professor of Chemistry, centered his presentation on gases, combustion and oxidation. Kinnel reviewed basics such as the formulas for water and hydrogen, the boiling temperature of water and that of liquid nitrogen. The Wettel students were impressed when he placed a fresh carnation into a tub of liquid nitrogen and it instantly become brittle enough to shatter. When a sixth grader was asked what her favorite part of Kinnel's presentation was she said, "We got to make pink slime!"

The archaeology exhibit was conducted by Tom Jones, Leonard C. Ferguson Professor of Archaeology. He wanted students to understand that the role of an archaeologist goes far beyond just "digging up bones and stuff." Wettel students were encouraged to sit in an arc around Jones and his exhibit while he shared some of his archaeological findings, such as flint, an arrowhead and a skull. After countless attempts to spell the word, students learned the evolution of an australopithecus, otherwise known as a "southern ape." When asked if he learned anything new from Jones' exhibit, a student responded, "I learned that a lot of stones were once used as tools. I never knew that."

Physics Professor Ann Silversmith conducted much of her presentation in dim lighting, as her physics demonstration focused on light and color. With the use of examples, students were able to better understand how and why combining all three colors in a prism (red, green and blue) create white. Students were particularly receptive to Silversmith's simulation, in which they wore 3-D glasses and analyzed the color of helium and hydrogen in order to identify the atoms.

Wettel veterans of the Science Exploration Day were eager to visit Biology Professor David Gapp's classroom and reunite with old friends such as Lily, the 20-pound boa constrictor. Gapp's biology presentation generated a lot of excitement because students were first encouraged to answer trivia questions about snakes, leeches, alligators and snapping turtles, and then to consecutively interact with these reptiles and amphibians.

A Wettel student remembered from Gapp's previous exhibit that a water moccasin's venom is made up of modified saliva, which consists of enzymes. Another Wettel student shared her expertise on alligators when she said, "I heard that they have another eyelid!"

Gapp believes that the Science Exploration Day emphasizes community outreach and builds goodwill between Hamilton College and the surrounding areas. Enthusiasm for the program can best be summed up by the response of one Wettel student who went on Science Exploration Day: "We want more!"

Colder than Clinton

Not your typical spring break: Sarah Doane '03 trades Cancun for the Antarctic coast

Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Every semester, many Hamilton students head abroad to study, research, and absorb the traditions and customs of other cultures. However, some students choose to roam further away from the Hill than others.

Case in point: over spring break, Sarah Doane '03, along with Emily Constantine '04 of Colgate University, and Glenn Berger and Sara Draucker of the Desert Research Institute, embarked on a research expedition along the northern shores of Antarctica.

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Randy Dirszowsky of Queen's University, Sarah Doane '03, Emily Constantine and Sara Draucker smile for the camera as their teeth chatter.

Why research in Antarctica? As Professor of Geology Eugene Domack explained, "Antarctica is particularly sensitive to climate changes and ice shelves, such as the Larsen B shelf that disintegrated in 2002. These formations are parts of the Antarctic ecosystem that are especially sensitive to shifts in climate and temperature, and they may be the "canary in the mine" in terms of changes in our environment that have never before been seen in history or in the rock record."

Domack went on to describe the break-up of the shelf as "an unprecedented event" (the last time the Larsen B shelf experienced a collapse of this magnitude was during the Ice Age), and he acknowledged that it is highly possible that the break-up is correlated to an increase in the rate of global warming.

Doane was particularly interested in the behavior of the Larsen B - her senior thesis is about "the preemptive influences of the Larsen B ice shelf's breakup on ocean circulation and primary productivity." She got involved in the project through Domack, who is her thesis advisor.

"There's a lot of interesting research to be done down there [Antarctica], so I did my thesis on Antarctic geology," she explained. "I saw the trip as an amazing opportunity, so I did the work that would allow me to go."

"The most exciting part was just going to a place that is so remote, knowing that so few people actually get to experience it," Doane said. "Antarctica is really unique because it is so undisturbed. There are few places you can study where you can sit for 24 hours to observe the tidal cycle and the subsequent changes in sediment distribution in the water column without any other disturbances in the area. That is one thing that we did while we were there, but this holds for many of the other types of research too."

Geology is not the only field in which scientists and researchers have taken an interest in the Antarctic ecosystem. As Doane continued, "Because the continent is so pristine, there are tons of paleoclimate indicators that have not been altered or upset by human development. Few people realize the amount of information there which is useful on a global scale."

Doane's many research duties on the trip included collecting sediment and water samples and retrieving sediment traps that were left by last year's expedition. The purpose of collecting these sediment samples is to analyze them as "recent paleoclimate records and also to continue research on new methods for dating the sediment."

Doane had always been interested in earth science and environmental science as a geology major at Hamilton. "I took some [geology] classes and realized that there was even more to the subject than I initially thought. It encompasses so much of what you encounter in daily life. It is a really applicable science, so it holds my interest."

Following are some excerpts from the journals kept by Doane, Colgate student Emily Constantine, and DRI researcher Sarah Draucker that detail the activities, research, and observations of the group during their time in Antarctica:

3/14/03 **-** After a few initial glitches, we're making our way across the Drake Passage. After departing Punta Arenas at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, we headed northeast through the Straits of Magellan toward the Atlantic Ocean.

We then headed south down the eastern coast of Tierra del Fuego before entering the Drake Passage last night around dinner. The seas are relatively calm with a rolling swell.

We are due to arrive at Admiralty Bay, King George Island on Saturday afternoon and the science is minimal until then.

We've been assisting the Marine Technicians with launching instruments to measure the temperature of the water approximately every 40 minutes during our transit across the Drake.

These data are part of an ongoing project to plot the convergence of water masses between South America and the Antarctic Peninsula.

- Sarah Doane and Emily Constantine

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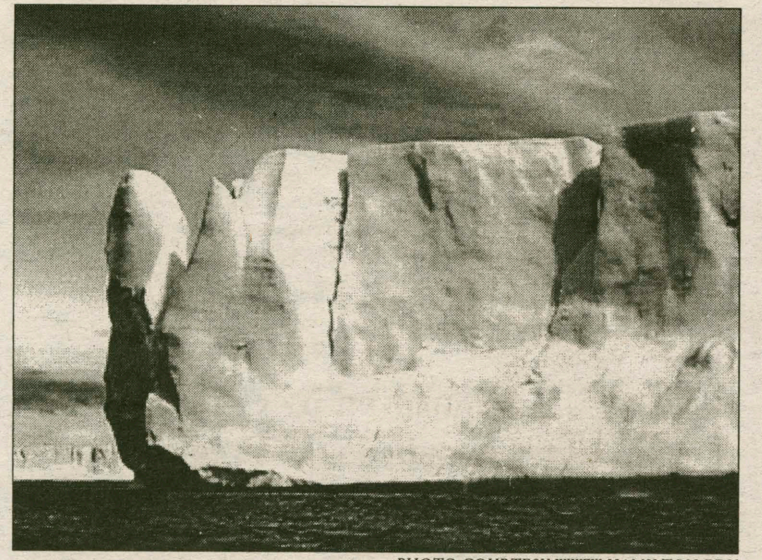

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Insert Titanic joke here: a formidably large iceberg lies in wait off Robertson Island.

This Week In Hamilton History

29 YEARS AGO
April 5, 1974

Kirkland Bomb Scare Leads to Pilfered Police Car

The Hamilton-Kirkland community was saved from an embarrassing police investigation Tuesday afternoon when Deans Carol Cooper of Kirkland and R. Gordon Bingham of Hamilton located material stolen from a state police car in a Kirkland garbage bin following Milbank's bomb scare late Monday night.

The materials, a briefcase containing official forms and traffic tickets, ammunition for the patrolman's sidearm, and some credit cards, were stolen from the police vehicle Monday night while officers were searching the Milbank dormitory for evidence of explosives.

According to informed sources, the items stolen also included a narcotics identification chart, handcuffs, and arrest reports. The patrol car was locked, and was broken into from one of its side windows. The briefcase was on the front seat, and the credit cards and ammunition were removed from the glove compartment.

Following a brief meeting with State Police, Hamilton Dean Bingham and Kirkland Administrator Jesse Zellner called all-student meetings on their respective campuses, informing their students that if the items in question were not returned within twenty-four hours, a large scale, police directed investigation of the matter would begin.

Several hours after the meetings a person, described by Dean Bingham as a female using a phony voice, called the switchboard and read a statement that can best be described as a limerick. The statement ran as follows: "In order to solve the policeman's woe, listen now to where you should go. The case that was stolen by the anonymous man lies in the back of Bristol underneath the green garbage can." Following the return of the items, the police now consider the case closed.

Zellner, asked to comment on the situation, speculated that both the bomb threat and the theft could be related to April Fools. When asked if he believed a suspect would ever be found, Zellner replied, "I doubt it. Hopefully, they realize their actions were not very funny."

31 YEARS AGO
April 7, 1972

New Housing System Set to Debut

The annual circus of room assignments for Hamilton men will follow a new procedure this year in an effort to increase the fairness and equality of the housing selection process. The new system, called the housing lottery, will allow students to chose their rooms for next year by placing a sticker over the space they want on a large series of floor plans established in Buttrick hall. The order of choice will be determined randomly inside each class, with rising seniors having first choice and rising sophomores last.

Cards, arranged by class and printed with the names of all men expected to be at Hamilton next fall, will be shuffled and dealt in groups of ten to determine the time schedule for room choices. The selections will run at half hour intervals beginning Tuesday, April 11th, and will continue for approximately a week, until all spots are chosen.

The new system has been implemented for a variety of reasons, according to those in charge of its creation. Primarily, the system is designed to equalize the often chaotic and mysterious housing process of years past, where current residents of rooms had the option to keep them, and students looking to trade up from their present locations often resorted to bribes.

37 YEARS AGO
April 3, 1966

Students Face the Fryer for Stealing the Bacon

Saga Foods, Hamilton's current food service contractor, dismissed 30 students from their campus jobs this week for stealing snacks and eating on the job. The students, all reported by upper-level Saga employees, will not face criminal charges, but do stand to loss the financial aid packages that their employment was tied too. In a tersely written letter of dismissal, Saga informed the students "that's the way the cookie crumbles."

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Peace, liberty and justice for all

Hamilton PJAG takes action against war in Iraq

Sharon Hakim '06
FEATURES WRITER

The members of the Hamilton Peace and Justice Action Group, also known as PJAG, have been making quite a name for themselves this semester. Maybe you have noticed their frequent appearances in the mass email listserv, or read one of their flyers. Maybe you saw a poster or had a friend who joined the student walkout, which PJAG led.

Regardless of how you know about it, PJAG has become a very active participant in the Hamilton community recently, hosting a surge of activities in light of the current war with Iraq, and the lengthy deliberation period that preceded it.

PJAG has existed at Hamilton on and off for around four years. It started when a group of Hamilton students got together to protest the School of the Americas, a military institute for training Latin American troops that is based in Georgia. The school's trained professional armies are claimed to be responsible for some of the world's worst crimes against humanity.

Since then, the group's existence and activities have fluctuated from semester to semester, but PJAG was revived once again after September 11th.

Currently, PJAG has around 25 active members. It is an organization unique to the Hamilton campus and has no formal leadership: its members base their meetings and structure on the Quaker ideals of consensus and facilitation.

Their goal as a group is to promote peace and justice within the Hamilton community as well as worldwide. They are working to raise student awareness both of what is going on in the world at large, and of what students can do to initiate change. Their main purpose is to incite the Hamilton community into action on behalf of peace.

The recent events sponsored by PJAG on campus were centered on Peace Week, which took place during the last week in February. The week included an open mic night at the pub, a "Poets for Peace" reading, and a panel discussion. According to the group, the entire week was "a great success."

Members feel, judging by the amount of feedback they received (both positive and negative), that PJAG really got people to listen. As PJAG officer Adrienne Cook '06 said, "It doesn't matter if they are disagreeing, as along as they are taking notice of what is going on and hearing what we have to say." The group also worked to stage a "Books not Bombs" walkout protest, in coordination with the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition.

Over 150 students and a handful of professors attended this rally for peace. PJAG chose to sponsor a walkout rather than a strike to give other Hamilton students a more visible sign of protest. It received a lot of publicity from Channel Two and Channel Four news stations, as well as the Observer-Dispatch.

However, this event did not catch the attention of pro-peace protestors alone. As protestors walked into the Chapel to attend the rally, they were greeted by a small but noticeable counter-protest. The counter-protestors held signs with pro-war messages, such as "anti-war is anti-American."

Although PJAG's beliefs are not in accord with those of the protestors, the group is glad to have caught people's attention and feels that the counter-protest helped to legitimize their concern.

As PJAG member Linwood Rumney '03 stated, in war the "objectives of activists should change." Now that the country is at war, PJAG has changed its strategy and is now focusing on increasing awareness of the events taking place in Iraq and holding the U.S. government accountable for its actions.

PJAG is sponsoring a "Cross-Dress for Peace" day on Thursday, April 10th. This event's aim is to break down the stereotypes involving the inherent connections between war and masculinity to show that these norms can be changed.

They are also planning to facilitate an open discussion on April 14th, where students interested in getting involved in a discussion of the war can come and debate the situation informally.

PJAG does not intend to hold protests that create destruction or disruption of students' everyday lives (as many demonstrators have done since the outbreak of war). Rather, they just want to make people aware that waging war includes accepting the consequences, such as casualties and prisoners of war being held captive.

In order to refute the criticisms many in the mainstream media have expressed regarding anti-war protests, PJAG seeks to express that it supports the U.S. troops in Iraq, and that the war is certainly a reality that cannot be denied. In fact, PJAG aims to protect the American citizens currently fighting in Iraq. Hence, the group believes that taking a pro-peace stance will help save lives by bringing the troops home now, while casualty counts are comparatively small.

Even though most students like to claim otherwise, Hamilton College is not totally isolated from the "real world." The war is and will be affecting students here in many respects: there are members of this Hamilton community enlisted as reserves that could be called up, and community members' family and friends are also often involved in the war effort.

In essence, PJAG simply wishes to express two beliefs: that the costs of war far exceed the benefits, and that taking a stand and being informed are the only ways in which one can truly be respected and heard.

Senior spends break down south... way, way down

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3/16/03 - Yesterday evening we arrived at Admiralty Bay to collect suspension samples. The first two stations within the bay did not provide enough sediment, but we had a little more luck with the third, even though it was dark (9 p.m. locally) during this operation. Now we let the sediment settle out (providing we continue to have a smooth passage) until we have a small enough volume to transport home for analysis.

Today we're on our way to Palmer Station to drop off supplies and people. We saw more humpback whales this morning - very impressive!

We're also in view of the Antarctic Peninsula, which is some of the most striking landscape I've seen so far. The jagged mountains are covered in snow and ice, which almost glow when the sun shines down through the clouds. Beautiful, but definitely not very hospitable. I'm glad I'm here now and not 100 years ago! More to come on our adventure...

- Sarah Doane

3/25/03 - Our last day of science. Well, as far as collecting samples goes, anyway... This morning we took a couple more, and then spent the afternoon exploring Paradise Harbor. We were able to take a couple zodiacs out away from the ship for a little R&R. It wasn't the sunniest of days, but of course, still beautiful.

There are a couple of research stations (one in the middle of a penguin colony) that are unoccupied during this part of the season, but interesting to walk around. Being in a smaller boat definitely brings a new perspective to this cold and awesome place.

We watched a leopard seal swim under us, and could hear a whale breaching as it circled the boat. Our group went up to the edge of a glacier that towered over our heads. It's the closest I've been to the ice, and it seemed to emit its own blue light. Beautiful!

Just now (around 8 p.m. our time) we were decanting the water from the CTD canisters in the Baltic room (lights off as we're conducting a light sensitive experiment) when not too far away part of the glacier calved. You could definitely say we're grateful that the doors were closed and we were positioned as we were, because the ice falling into the water created a wave about 12 feet high.

I hear this is the first time a calving event has been witnessed in this particular spot. Things are warming up! Tonight we'll collect our last grab sample. One more chance to get muddy! Tomorrow, on to Palmer Station to deliver supplies and pick people up as they leave for winter. Then back to Punta Arenas!

- Sara Draucker

3/26/03 - After wrapping some things up in the lab before the seas get rougher, we spent the afternoon at Deception Island. The island is a caldera, kind of doughnut shaped, so the water in the center of the island is very protected.

We took the zodiacs ashore and spent a few hours just exploring. There's an old whaling station turned research station and you can walk around inside. It's a bit dilapidated of course, but because the place is so remote, it is for the most part undisturbed. I believe the last occupants were British scientists during the '60s. A couple of the crew found a magazine from 1964 about the moon landing...

So, apart from being chased by seals (note: it's difficult to run in a mustang suit), it was a very peaceful, beautiful place. I hope the pictures do it justice.

Tonight we head toward the Drake and on to Punta Arenas. We should arrive in Chile on Sunday morning. We've seen so many incredible things; it's strange to think of being back in the same old routine by next week. So much has happened since we left yet I'm sure that much will remain unchanged.

It will be great to see people I've missed, but a bit sad to leave this beautiful place. Until next time!

- Sara Draucker

3/30/03 - Well, we've reached Punta Arenas after an amazing trip. We could not have asked for a better day for being out on the water!

The Straight of Magellan was as smooth as glass, and it was wonderful to really feel the warmth of the sun for the first time in a while. Beautiful!

And then as if it could not have gotten any better, dolphins came to swim in the wake of the boat. The contrast of black and white was striking! I've never seen anything like it.

As we approached Punta Arenas, the colors created from the sky reflecting off the calm water was amazing.

And so our adventure draws to a close! I hope everyone has been able to live vicariously through us to some extent, and that you have enjoyed the glimpses of these experiences we've been privileged to share.

- Sara Draucker

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Arts & Entertainment

Tired of Sangertown? Check out Uptown!

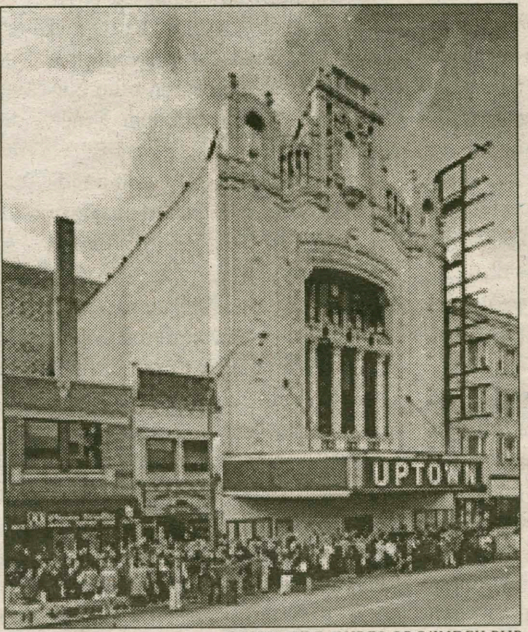
Alina Troya '04 investigates local movie theaters so you don't have to.

Tired of going to the crowded Sangertown Mall to see a movie? Don't know anywhere else to go? Looking for somewhere to see "artsy" films and movies that aren't just run-of-the-mill blockbuster or box-office hits? Then you're in luck, because there are a number of theaters, not far from Hamilton, for you to check out!

A great theater with an even greater deal is the Uptown Theatre in Utica. Spelling 'Theatre' the French way is just one example of how this independent theater is striving to promote quality films and keep things simple in our face-paced world of hype and big business. The Uptown has three theaters and shows three movies during the week, but often shows about six movies on the weekends. Just last weekend they had great movies such as *Daredevil*, *The Guru*, and *The Lord of the Rings - The Two Towers*. While these movies are basically as BIG as they get, Uptown also showed *About Schmidt*, *God's and Generals*, and *The Hours*, not movies you'll easily find playing at places like Sangertown. They recently showed *The Pianist* and *25th Hour* as art films as well. Uptown always shows one art film in order to meet the needs of the local audience. This way, they don't have to travel to larger cities, such as Syracuse, in order to see a film they want.

When asked how Uptown Theatre chooses its films, manager Charles Moore said that they generally check reviews of films that are doing well in the box office, and therefore have a demand to be shown, and they also preview the films themselves to make sure they are worthwhile. Then they start tracking the film and making calls to the studio or distributor and negotiate for the film. Sometimes they have to wait to get a film, due to the fact that studios often favor larger theaters in big cities, but they are fortunate enough to get these art films close to the original release date. In other words, you won't be going to see a movie that came out a year ago. In order to be able to offer a better price for the reels to get the films faster, Uptown charges $1.50 more for limited-release art films than they do for the mainstream features, so prices do vary. The best part about this, however, is that the main films cost only $3.50. Therefore, it is still just $5.00 to see an art film at Uptown, a price much lower than at large chain theaters, and bargain prices on Tuesdays make movies just $3.00! (It's $9.25 for an evening show where I live!)

Now you may ask how nice a theater that charges so little could be. Uptown was recently remodeled, so they now have three theaters. One is a main theater on the ground floor that holds about 225 people, but there are also two more theaters upstairs in a balcony level. One holds about 105 people while the other seats 200. These two do not have stadium seating per se, but they do slant up on steps, making the incline greater than with a ramp. The backs on the chairs are also fairly high, so there's less of a chance of getting stuck behind a lady with big hair and not being able to see the screen. The screens may not be the largest you've seen, but they compare to that of other theaters in the area. If you've decided you want to check out a movie at the Uptown Theatre, it's located at 2014 Genesee Street in Utica. Call (315) 797-0020 for showtimes.



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While this isn't Utica's Uptown Theatre, it might be if some of us here actually went to it.

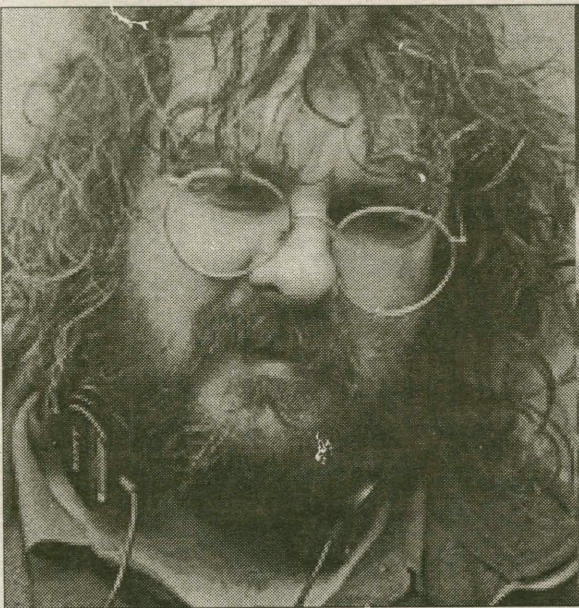
Another theater near you is the Riverside Mall 8, near Walmart in Utica (Rts. 12N and 49, 732-8565). This theater is part of the Hoyt's chain, and it shows a variety of movies, often a combination of ones that are not shown at Sangertown as well as ones that are. For example, they are now showing *Bringing Down the House*, *Dreamcatcher* and *The Core*, but they are also showing *Tears of the Sun* and *Basic*. The Hoyt's theater is also playing *Chicago*, winner of the Oscar for Best Picture, among others.

The Clinton Cinema is obviously the closest to home (2 Fountain Street, 853-5553), and it too shows some popular, well-received movies that we all want to see, as well as more artsy films. This weekend, they are showing *The Pianist*, Oscar winner of Best Actor (Adrien Brody) and Best Director (Roman Polanski). Next week they will have *Anger Mangaement*, starring Jack Nicholson and Adam Sandler. Remodeled this past Fall, the Clinton Cinema has two new theaters.

Don't forget you can see movies on campus too! Hamilton usually has a movie playing in the KJ Auditorium every Friday and Saturday night, sponsored by the Kirkland Film Society , generally a mix of movie genres. Sangertown is often a good bet, especially if you are Jitney dependent, but they generally show only the films that attract the biggest audiences. The Clinton Cinema may only have two films showing, but the Jitney will take you practically to its door, and the movies are well-worth seeing. The Hoyt's in Utica is also great because it has something for everyone. The Uptown Theatre, however, is worth the trip because it's kind of nice to see that a small independent theater is working so hard to bring quality films to the area. Check it out, and see a movie that makes you think!

Movie News

Brian Sweeney '06 with the latest from actor Colin Farrell and director Peter Jackson, plus more



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Peter Jackson: The missing link? **Kong: The eighth wonder of the world**

This week opens the new thriller entitled Phone Booth. I have been hearing some good things about this film, which is surprising since Joel "Batman and Robin" Schumacher directed it. It stars Colin Farrell as a man who picks up a phone in a, you guessed it, phone booth only to realize that the person on the other end of the phone has him in shooting range. Kiefer Sutherland, Forest Whitaker and Katie Holmes are also featured. It clocks in at around ninety minutes, which would seem short, bur for the fact that there isn't much room to expand on the premise of the film. From what I hear, it is basically a case of solid entertainment and nothing more. If you need a ninety minute break from work already then go and catch it.

In other news, Peter Jackson has officially chosen the

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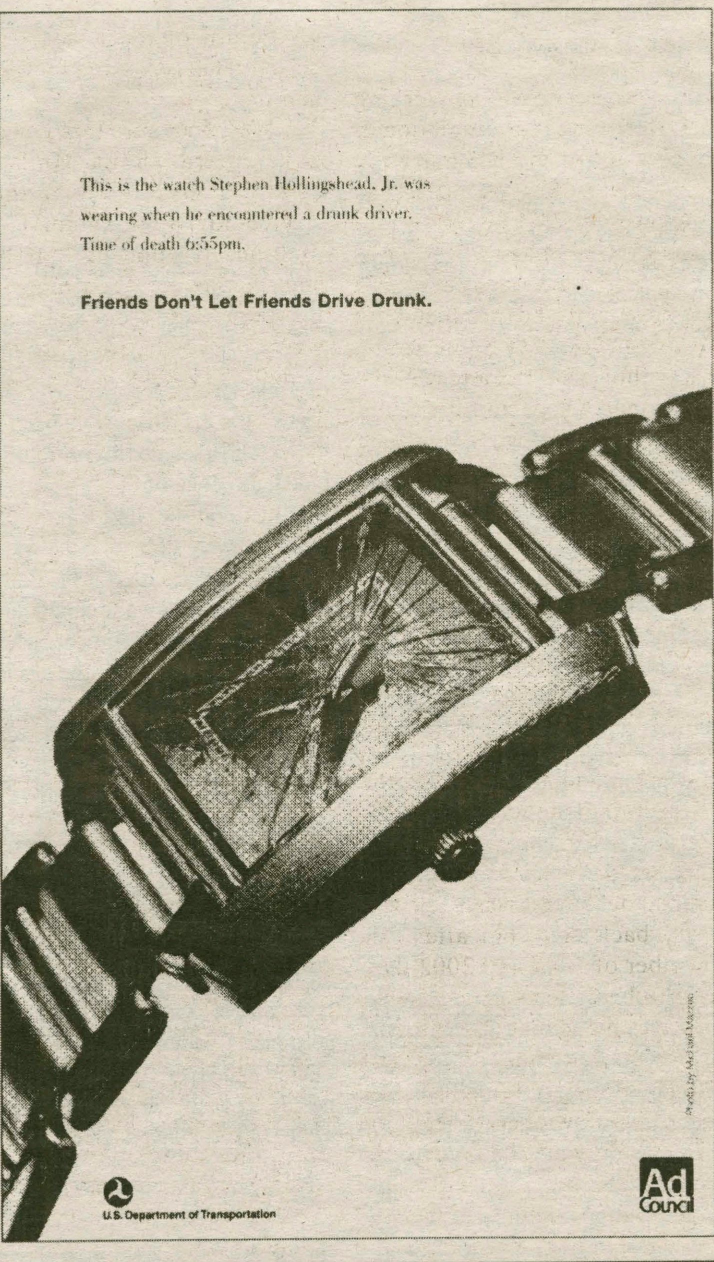

Album Reviews: *The Coral* and *Turin Brakes*

Douglas Lambert '06 brings you the music

Since this album dropped mid-year 2002, you can buy it at The Last Unicorn in New Hartford.

In Review:
The Coral, The Coral

We've all had albums that are a challenge to listen to the first time around. Many great albums, especially ones that stray from the beaten path, require three or four listenings until they can be appreciated. That's most certainly the case with *The Coral*'s self titled debut. It's one of the most bizarre albums of the new millennia, but also one of the coolest.

They bring influences from all over the place, from *The Beach Boys* to *Jethro Tull*, and even some early experimental psychedelic bands such as *King Crimson* and *Captain Beefheart*. The sound is shocking; part pop-rock, part pirate. I kind of expected to look in the liner notes and see a dozen buccaneers with instruments, whiskey bottles, and enormous grins on their faces. Such is not the case, but their album's artwork most certainly implies chaos. On track one, entitled "The Spanish Main," one lyric gets repeated: "We'll set sail again, we're heading for the Spanish Main." That's a relief, because these guys certainly aren't setting sail for American radio stations. But, their compass clearly doesn't want them too; they're too interesting for American radio.

After setting sail, track two is delivered with the punk-pop of an early *Police* song, with a dash of early *Floyd*. After some light reggae, the chorus of this tune entitled "I Remember When" gives the line, "I'm better than him cause I know where I've been, and I know where I'm coming from." This kind of confidence carries over into the most infectiously catchy tune on the record, entitled "Dreamin' of You." It's easy to imagine these blokes belting out the chorus of this tune in some shoddy English bar. It's weird, but very likeable.

By far the strangest song is track eight, entitled "Skeleton Key." It's a bizarre, discordant jam that manifests all of the strangeness of this record into a long-winded three minutes. Without it, the album would lack some of the weirdness that makes it wonderful. But with it, this album still comes across as way too bizarre for most people. They're not getting popular anytime soon, but *The Coral* deserve the ears of the more adventurous music fans out there. Rating: 7/10

Turin Brakes, Ether Song

The sophomore album slump is a wicked curse. Its ability to devour great bands has been vicious decade after decade. It's even harder when critical acclaim is a factor. Fans are demanding, but critics are worse. When a band produces an amazing debut, the pressure builds for that second album.

Such is the case with one of Britain's unknown music treasures, *Turin Brakes*. Their debut album entitled "The Optimist LP" was a gem of an album. Largely ignored by American audiences, it was both musically beautiful, composed entirely with two acoustic guitars and some light percussion, and lyrically stunning. On their most successful single of that album, lead singer Olly Knights gives the line, "Please save me, save me from myself, I can't be the only one left up on the shelf." It was decadence disguised with beauty. Paul Simon would tip his hat, if he only knew about them.

After some serious critical praise, the two members of Turin Brakes have returned from the studio with *Ether Song*, an album that unfortunately reeks of overexertion and excessive production. Had their debut album been more popular, perhaps they would have learned that "less is more." But *Ether Song* sounds louder and busier than their debut. On *Optimist*, the lyrics were manipulated around the melody; on *Ether Song*, it seems the opposite is true. The melodies are too similar and the instrumentation too loud to make each song rightfully distinct from the rest.

Lyrically it's practically as good as the first, perhaps a bit bolder. On "Average Man," Olly Knights expresses resentment with the lyric, "Have another drink my son, it's time you realized you're just an average man." The opening and closing tracks, entitled "Blue Hour" and "Rain City" respectively, are also both as good as anything off the debut, but it's the area in between where it's easy to get lost in the confusing cycle of keyboards, distortions, and indistinct melodies, rather than becoming entranced in beautiful guitar progressions and vocal harmonies characteristic of the debut.

The album's worthy enough after all, they're a great band. It's just that their debut was so damn good. They need to turn off the amps, put away the electric guitars, and fire their new producer. Rating: 5/10

Movie News: Jackson chooses next project

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next project he will be working on following the completion of The Lord of the Rings trilogy this December. As early as January of 2004 he will get to work on a remake of the 1933 classic King Kong. Jackson's version will be produced by Universal Studios. Some people may think this a strange choice for a man who went from being relatively unknown to being one of an elite class of directors pretty much overnight, yet Kong is Jackson's passion. He loves the original film more than any other. He actually owns one of the original dolls of Kong that was used during filming (it's the one that fall off of the Empire State Building). He has been trying to get this movie made for a while; the first draft of the script was written by him and his partner, Fran Walsh, way back in 1996. Universal decided it wasn't necessary back then, but after December of 2001 and 2002 they are probably seeing green. What amazes me is that this man has spent the better part of a decade doing literally nothing from sun up to sun down but working on The Trilogy and he is ready to start another big movie project (that will consume his time monumentally) one month after Return of the King is released. That is passion for filmmaking.

Well I am sure that you all have heard about Michael Moore's Oscar acceptance speech for Bowling for Columbine. It appears that his speech was merely a plug for his next feature documentary which will be entitled Fahrenheit 911. Moore is currently negotiating with Mel Gibson's Icon Productions for funding. The film will document the relationship between the Bush family and the family of Osama bin Laden. It will also detail how the administration has used September 11th to further the agenda that Moore will promote the Bush administration(s?) has. Everyone heard the booing as Moore accepted his Oscar, but I'll bet he gets another standing ovation as he accepts the documentary award for Fahrenheit 911, and then you can probably expect to hear booing as he gets to the middle of his speech.

For some reason I seem to always have a piece of comic book movie news, and this week is no different. I guess that just means that it's a big thing these days. Anyway, it seems that Christopher Nolan (director of Memento) will indeed be directing a Batman movie, as I reported a while back. David Goyer, screenwriter of the Blade movies, is in talks to write the script for this movie. It seems that The Amazing Spider-man, the sequel to the highest grossest film in the United States of 2002, will be released on July 2, 2004 rather than in May. This is probably due to recent back problems that star Tobey Maguire has had, which must have delayed shooting. And finally Brett Ratner has "decided" to leave the Superman director's chair. I think it's more because the studio never renewed his contract, since he was incapable of getting the production off the ground (if he had gotten that done he probably would have been incapable of actually making a good movie as well).

Finally I'd just like to briefly mention that after the Oscars, a few studios decided to release Spirited Away (the winner of the best animated feature) and The Pianist in many more theaters than they have been in. So if you are going to be somewhere that is showing one of those movies (or any of the smaller movies of last year...Far From Heaven, The Quiet American, etc.) then I would suggest you get yourself a ticket.

LAST WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

Weekend Gross/**Total Gross**

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2. *Bringing Down the House*
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3. *The Core*
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4. *Basic*
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$11,511,960
5. *Chicago*
$7,210,721
$144,652,474
6. *Dreamcatcher*
$6,638,459
$25,641,912
7. *Agent Cody Banks*
$6,419,524
$35,166,724
8. *Piglet's Big Movie*
$4,931,308
$12,730,591
9. *The Hunted*
$3,616,241
$29,222,759
10. *View from the Top*
$3,516,872
$12,250,828

Badass Movie Reviews: *From Hell*

Tim Mudie '05 weighs in on the badassity of the land down under

The movie is called *From Hell*. That right there should tell you everything that you need to know. However, that would also make for a really short article, so I guess I'll go on. *From Hell* tells the delightful and uplifting story of Jack the Ripper, who terrorized Victorian London with his brutal slaying of five prostitutes in 1888. Yes, this is a film for the entire family. Bring the kids! Hell, bring Grandma! They'll love it! Assuming, of course, that they love all that is badass.

The film stars Johnny Depp, who decided to add to his cast of weird-ass characters by playing an opium-addicted, psychic-vision-having Scotland Yard detective. So, your basic hero. Well, aside from the visions and the opium. He is summoned out of an opium haze when the first woman is found murdered, with various organs removed in a ritualistic fashion. So, he investigates with her friends, a bunch of down-and-out prostitutes, one of whom is Heather Graham, the hottest prostitute in the history of the world. Depp sees that she will inevitably be killed by the Ripper and he must save her. Of course, he falls in love with her. Then again, who wouldn't fall in love with Heather Graham? Even if the whole prostitute thing might throw you off, she seems to somehow be a prostitute while never actually having sex. So basically you can think of this movie like *Pretty Woman* with Jack the Ripper and opium. Yeah, it's sweet.

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Johnny Depp as he prepares to shoot a scene for *From Hell*. Yes this is how he prepares for every scene he films. Now that's badass.

What makes this flick so incredibly badass is, pretty obviously, Jack the Ripper. No car chases, only one minor explosion and not a single dinosaur randomly eating people. Yet, somehow, Jack the Ripper makes it badass. The movie is very stylish and the violence, while undeniably creepy, is well done. You don't see everything, which invites the audience to imagine it for themselves. Besides, car chases would be really tough to do in a movie where there are no cars. They still should have had a dinosaur though. You just can't go wrong with dinosaurs.

One exceptionally badass aspect of *From Hell* is the scenery. Everything is dark, and fog abounds. Judging from this movie London is perpetually dirtier than the floor of a Bundy Party. Don't get me wrong; I know that no matter how badass the scenery may be it's still scenery and therefore inherently unbadass. I guess that it's just very cool, if not exactly badass. But this is a serious badass sort of movie anyway. There are a whole bunch of conspiracy theories dealing with Free Masons, the English Royalty and psychiatric doctors. Weird stuff. And, while the real Jack the Ripper probably wasn't the guy it ends up being in the movie, it makes perfect sense the way they play it.

This movie will creep you out. I guarantee that right now. Watch it alone, in the dark. Trust me it will be a good, spooky, badass time. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next week: *How Stella Got Her Groove Back.*

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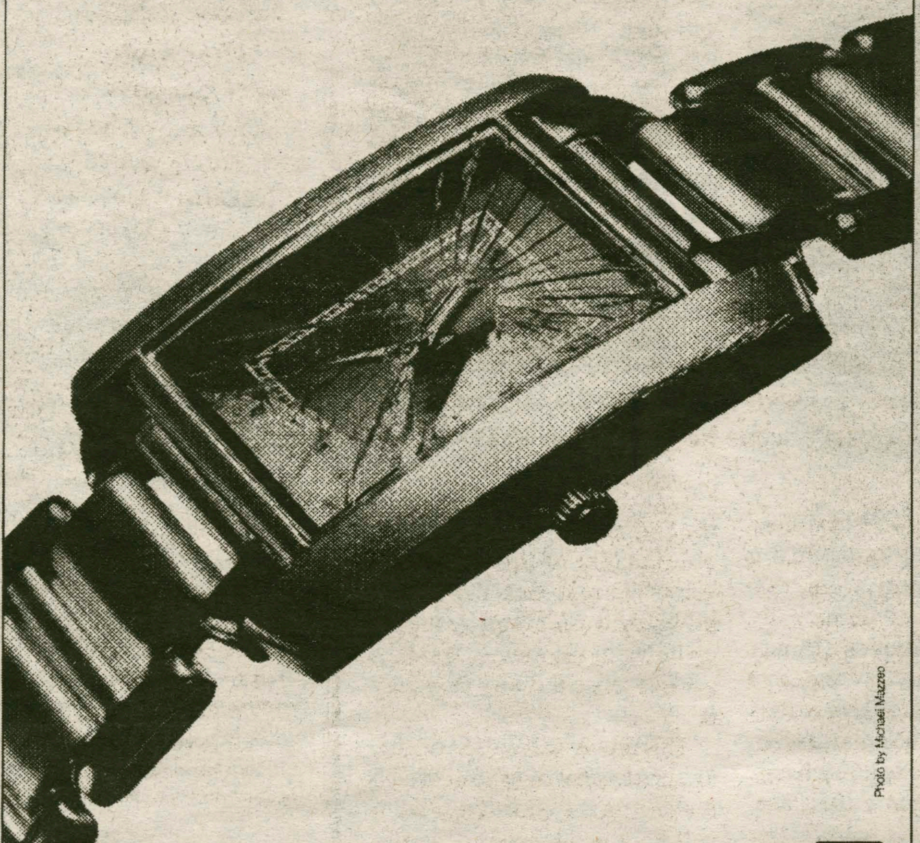

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Women's lacrosse gears up for 2003 campaign

by Rebecca Lee '06
Sports Writer

Since its first scrimmage on March 1 against SUNY Oneonta, Hamilton's women's lacrosse team has been gearing itself up for the bulk of its season. With a conference record of 3-1 and an overall record of 3-3, the women's lacrosse team, according to Sarah McNeil '04, is headed in the right direction to fulfill its goal of "competing in the post-season tournament."

Over Spring Break the Lady Continentals traveled to Panama City, Florida, where they faced both Bowdoin College and Tufts University, coming away with a 6-7 loss against nationally ranked Bowdoin and an 8-14 loss against Tufts University.

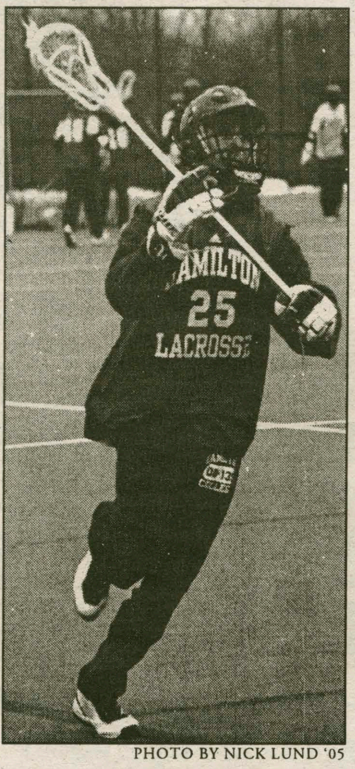
Upon returning to campus the women's lacrosse team seems to have come together, winning three of its last four games against Cortland State, the number thirteen team in the nation, Clarkson College, and St. Lawrence University.

Led by co-captains Molly Plummer '03 and McNeil, the relatively young women's lacrosse team, with only seven senior members, will look to the underclassmen players to step up their level of play and intensity this season. However, the fourteen returning players give the Lady Continentals a solid foundation while the nine new team members add to the strength and depth of the bench.

Also new this year is the team's head coach, Patricia Kloidt, who formerly coached women's lacrosse at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York. During her four years at LeMoyne, Coach Kloidt strengthened its women's lacrosse program into a NCAA caliber team, leading her players to a conference title and a bid to the NCAA Division I tournament. As a result of her accomplishments, Coach Kloidt was named the 2002 Conference Coach of the Year.

This season, with the aid of assistant coach Mackay Rippey, Coach Kloidt hopes to generate a renewed intensity and hunger to win amongst the Hamilton women's lacrosse team and power it to post-season play.

Thus far this season the women's lacrosse team has been led in scoring by freshman powerhouse Meghan Blair, with fourteen goals and three assists, and Plummer, with ten goals and two assists. Other attack players Sarah Karpinski '03, Katie McKeon '03, Lauren Thomsen '05, Jane Bradley '06, and Moira Delahanty '06 have also contributed to the team's victories and will likely play key roles in securing Hamilton a spot in the post-season tournament.



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Women's lacrosse is hard at work in preparation for the season to come.

The returning midfielders Britten Chase '05, Danielle Levine '05, and Christina Trabandt '05, joined by newcomers Anne Lucas '06, Liz Purchia '06, and Cate West '06, compliment the Lady Continentals' strong offensive line with good defensive skills and precise down-field passing. While the play-making capability of its offense and midfield are important, the success of the women's lacrosse team will be determined by how effectively its defense shuts down the offense of opposing teams.

Returning defensemen McNeil, Ali Cherry '03, Maggie Sivon '03, Abbey Zeidler '03, Nadia Dovi '04, Emily Barber '05, and Amanda Hollis '05, along with freshmen Kathryn Branson '06, and Katherine (Dee) Forshay '06 are prepared to undertake this challenge.

From the outset, the women's lacrosse team has set its sights on post-season competition.

"We are always hopeful of making it to the NCAA tournament, but would at least like to place in the UCAA tournament at the end of the season," stated Plummer. "This team has desire and dedication, which will hopefully carry us to the UCAA tournament."

But, according to Plummer, making it to the UCAA and NCAA tournaments will require a strong effort on the part of every member of the team.

"The new players on our team play such a crucial role in everything that happens on and off the field," commented Plummer. "The most important part about this team is that we are all in this together."

Wherever the Lady Continentals end up this season, it is certain that it will travel that path as a cohesive group. Hopefully unity and continued strong play will propel the women's lacrosse team to victory throughout the season and, in the end, give the Lady Continentals the opportunity to compete in the post-season UCAA and NCAA tournaments.

A method to their Madness

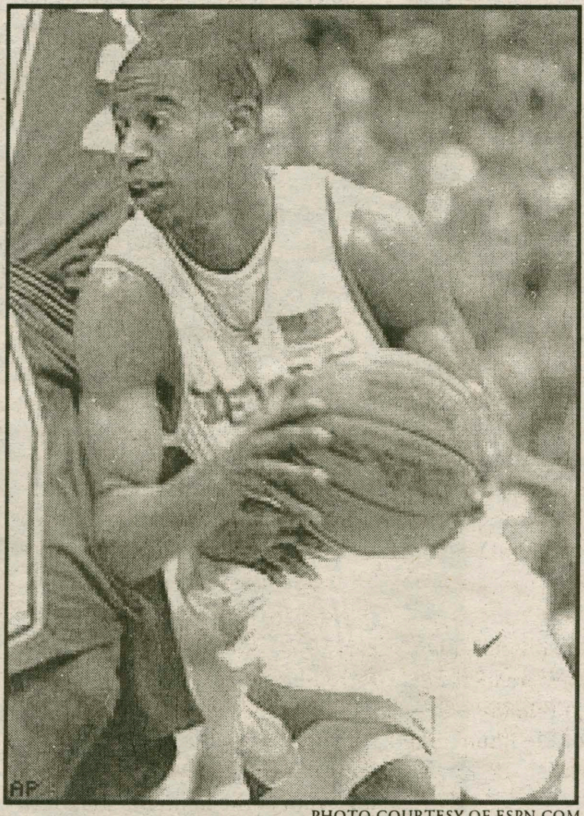
by Chris Preston '03
Senior Editor

Without a doubt, March is my favorite month. And it's not because it means ample opportunity to make an ass of myself on MTV's Spring Break. Nor, for that matter, is it because I possess some sort of insatiable, Robert Frost-ian yearning to witness the winter winds subside and the spring flowers bloom (Robert Frost obviously never experienced a Hamilton "spring"). I love March for one reason: March Madness. In fact, since coming to Hamilton and witnessing four years of Clinton, NY, Marches, my love of staying indoors and watching basketball for nine solid hours has only increased.

This March, however, was a bit different. Instead of being consumed with the kind of giddy anticipation that is typically reserved solely for six-year-olds on Christmas Eve, my excitement was somewhat quelled by the inevitable threat of war with Iraq. I asked all the questions that most Americans torn between patriotism and a unrelenting hunger for basketball asked: Is it morally wrong to be playing games when our troops are putting their lives on the line half way around the world? Will they postpone the tournament until the war is over? If not, how will one network (CBS) handle having to juggle a war and 63 games of basketball at the same time? (The latter question is, of course, a completely selfish one, but I don't think I was alone in asking it.)

The first two questions luckily were answered just two nights before the tournament (not including the dreaded play-in game) began. NCAA President Myles Brand said that the games would go on since it would be wrong to allow a brutal tyrant to deter us from behaving as we normally do. The games, he said, would officially go on as planned. This was quite a relief, but I still had my doubts as to whether the tournament could proceed "normally" with constant war updates interrupting the coverage, and rightfully so. There were talks that CBS would be frequently handing over its tournament coverage to some of its sister cable networks-TNN, Nickelodeon (Nickelodeon?!?), and MTV-whenever something significant occurred in the war. I cringed at the idea not only because I wasn't sure if I had all those channels (in fact, I know Hamilton does not get TNN), but also because I did not want to have to channel surf until I heard the words: "We now interrupt this episode of Rug Rats with the last 11:17 of Kentucky vs. IUPUI!"

On the contrary, though my concerns were not necessarily unfounded, CBS has done a masterful job covering all the Madness while providing updates on the war. Instead of handing the baton to three or four different networks on the first afternoon of opening round action (a day in which activity in Iraq necessitated the preemption of basketball games on a national network), CBS came to a quick agreement with ESPN, which is partners with rival network ABC, that enabled them to switch all their games over to a cable network that virtually everyone has and one that is more than capable of handling massive amounts of sports coverage, unlike, say, MTV. ESPN and CBS played hot potato with the coverage for the first two days of the tournament, and CBS has taken over the reigns ever since.



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Hats off to CBS for their coverage of this year's tournament and the war in Iraq.

Not only has the coverage been as good as it always is on CBS, with live look-ins of other games during half-time and immediate switches to closer games if the current one is a blowout, but the games themselves have been phenomenal. The second round, double overtime thriller between #1 seed Arizona and #9 seed tournament powerhouse Gonzaga was perhaps the best tournament game since Duke-Kentucky in 1992. Drew Nicholas's first-round, three-point fall away at the buzzer to help defending champ Maryland escape a game UNC-Wilmington squad and close out the first round coverage in style will be replayed as much as Bryce Drew's last second heave for Valpo or Tyus Edney's length-of-the-court dash to propel UCLA to the '95 championship. And the dramatic regional semifinal and final match-ups between Texas and UConn and Arizona and Kansas are destined for ESPN Classic some day.

Most importantly, however, is that the war updates have been timely and thorough.

I have learned less about what is actually going on in Iraq from watching an hour of CNN than I have from allowing Dan Rather and company to tell me the latest news in a 5-minute update. CBS has catered to every selfish need that lazy, college basketball-obsessed Americans like myself have desired. For that, I salute the network for having its finger directly on the pulse of America for the past three weeks. The only thing we Americans enjoy more than updates is upsets, and CBS has managed to provide plenty of both.

Continentals show promise in California

by Joshua Sargen '05
Sports Editor

Playing ten games in five days is never easy. Doing that at the beginning of a season is even tougher. Playing competition, during that stretch, which spends nearly the entire year on the softball field, makes ten games in five days extremely difficult.

This hellish streak of games was recently completed by the Hamilton softball team, which traveled to Orange County, California, to start its season. The Continentals faced teams from the southern and western parts of the country, areas that allow for year-round play. Unfortunately for Hamilton, this was the first time the team was able to play outside.

The Continentals played competitive softball out west, going 3-7 against excellent competition. Two of those losses came on the final day of the trip, when the Continentals were likely exhausted.

Erica Gomez '05, one of the team's starters, placed the Continentals record out west in perspective by saying, "Our record was a little skewed. Those teams play year round, and we are at a significant disadvantage."

Nevertheless, by playing high-quality competition so early in the season, Hamilton has practically guaranteed itself that it will improve as this year's campaign continues.

Based on the team's talent, improvement should be expected as the season progresses.

"This is the strongest team we have had, position for position, since I have been here," commented Amy Greenan '04, one of the team's top hitters.

Gomez echoed that sentiment, saying, "We have the most talent that we have had in five years."

Offensively, the team should be able to put people on base and manufacture runs. The Continentals are not the type of team that will hit three home runs a game. However, they produce offense by playing fundamentally sound baseball. Situational hitting will be key to the team's offensive success.

Hamilton has a number of girls who should have solid campaigns at the plate. Stephanie Dunn '03 leads the team in batting average thus far, hitting an impressive .378. Kristin Marran '04 paces the Continentals with five RBI and provides the team with a solid presence in the middle of the line-up. Greenan, who missed the West Coast trip following appendix surgery, should be one of the squad's top hitters. Last season, she finished the season with a team-leading .361 average.

What could prove to be Hamilton's Achilles' heal isthe team's pitching. More specifically, it is the rotation's depth that could prove problematic down the stretch for the Continentals. Hamilton's two pitchers, Amanda Fix '03 and Lindsay Eaton '05, are very talented and can be expected to throw quality innings throughout the season. Fix pitched phenomenally out west, collecting a miniscule 2.13 ERA in eight appearances.

Greenan addressed the staff's depth by saying, "Hopefully, one of the two won't go down. It would be helpful if we had another pitcher. We will just have to be better defensively."

Fortunately for the Continentals, the team's defense has been excellent this season.

"We are great defensively, and our outfield is really strong," Gomez said.

Based on the team's promising play out west and the squad's talent, the Continentals have set lofty but attainable goals for this season.

"Our goal is to qualify for the NESCAC tournament," said Greenan. "We really want to make it, and the program has never been in it. Last year, we missed the tournament by a little bit. We want to prove to the other NESCAC teams that we are not a pushover but that we are a legit program."

So far, the team is making strides in the right direction.

Brett's big-time baseball breakdown

by Brett Zalaski '03
Sports Writer

To all you baseball stat geeks and bleacher bums, here is my lightning-quick, unerring guide to the 2003 Major League Baseball season:

American League East

1) Yankees- Too much pitching, too much hitting to not win the division, although a younger, talented Red Sox team is prepping to make a run at them this year and then overtake them possibly as soon as next year. Look for a slump from Soriano and a huge season from Giambi.

2) Red Sox- Going in the right direction now by signing quality baseball players and people with their money right now. An improving clubhouse and a talent infusion from the likes of Jeremy Giambi, David Ortiz, and Cassey Fossum will give the Yanks a headache well into September.

3) Blue Jays- Another team with young talent going in the right direction. The additions of Cory Lidle and Frank Catalanotto, as well as the continued emergence of Vernon Wells, Eric Hinske, and Roy Halladay make the Jays a plus-.500 team this year, and a sleeper for next year.

4) Orioles- Talented youngsters like Jay Gibbons, Jorge Julio, Gary Matthews, and Jerry Hairston do not supercede the fact that their starting pitching is brutal.

5) Devil Rays- Pinella will inject some life to this AAA team, but the talent just isn't there right now. Watch out for Aubrey Huff and Rocco Baldelli, two youngsters with TONS of potential.

American League Central

1) Twins- A fun, fundamental, and talented team that will continue to improve. They have a deep staff and emerging superstars in Torii Hunter, Jacque Jones, and Corey Koskie. A team with no real weaknesses.

2) White Sox- A definite threat to the Twins. If Jon Garland, Esteban Loaiza, Dan Wright, and Jon Rauch can make quality starts behind Bartolo Colon and Mark Buehrle, this team will be very tough come September. Watch for sophomore sensation Joe Crede to have a big year and a great career.

3) Indians- From over the hill to young and emerging in two years, the Indians are poised to make an impact, in 2005. Just not ready right now, watch for Travis Hafner, Brandon Phillips, Casey Blake, Victor Martinez, Ricardo Rodriguez, and Jason Davis to have solid years and good futures.

4) Royals- A good young staff which may surprise a little this year with rookie studs Runelvys Hernandez, Jeremy Affeldt, and Miguel Asencio. Some good hitters, but just not enough depth to be good. Look for a .500 season to be a success.

5) Tigers- A team in trouble. Carlos Pena, Jeremy Bonderman, Mike Maroth, and Franklyn German give hope for the future, but the present is awful.

American League West

1) Angels- What's not to like? They hit all day and pitch all night. A deep and talented staff, combined with a deep and talented bullpen and a dee talented lineup makes the Angels a deep and talented team. People are saying that Francisco Rodriguez, a.k.a. K-Rod, will come back to earth, but this kid is legit. The back of that bullpen with Donelley, Weber, K-Rod, and Percival will blow very few leads.

2) A's- Just not as talented over 162 games as the Angels, but this team will be very dangerous in the post-season. With one more year's experience, Hudson, Mulder, and Zito will make them a post-season favorite if they can wrap up the Wild Card.

3) Mariners- Too old and overrated, they will continue their downslide. Ichiro is for real, but Edgar Martinez, Bret Boone, John Olerud, and Jamie Moyer are all a year older, and a year worse.

4) Rangers- Tough to say about their future. Palmeiro will be out by the time this team will be successful, but A-Rod, Teixeira, Mench, Blalock, and Young are a very talented core. If this team can find any pitchers this year, they will be a sleeper for next year.

National League East

1) Phillies- A potent offense that will score a lot of runs, the Phillies are building a winner the right way. If the awesomely talented Vicente Padilla, Brandon Duckworth, and Brett Myers pitch to half their ability, this team will win the division.

2) Braves- They need pitching help for the first team since the early 90s. An older Maddux followed by Ortiz, Hampton, Byrd, and Marquis is a horrible facsimile to their teams of the 90s. A slightly above average offense may keep this team in the hunt, but look for the Braves to miss the playoffs in 2003.

3) Marlins- Ready to overtake the Braves. Burnett, Beckett, Penny, Redman, and perennial prospect Pavano will be that much better with Pudge Rodriguez behind the plate. Talented young offensive players like Juan Pierre, Todd Hollandsworth, Juan Encarnacion, Derrek Lee, Luis Castillo, and Mike Lowell, as well as a talented bullpen, make this team very dangerous, and a big-time sleeper in 2003.

4) Expos- Going in the right direction, and may also soon jump the Braves. Vlad Guerrero is the best player in baseball, complemented by emerging stars like Endy Chavez, Brad Wilkerson, Jose Vidro and Orlando Cabrera give the Expos a solid offense, and playoff-tested half-brother Livan Hernandez and Orlando Hernandez give a talented staff a toughness they never had. If they get bought by owners with money, this team will be very tough for a very long time.

5) Mets- Too many ex-stars to do anything. A miserable defense combined with an overrated staff means an overrated lineup will be forced to score more runs than they are capable of. Look for Roberto Alomar to bounce back, but look for the continued decline of Mo Vaughn, Roger Cedeno, and Jeremy Burnitz.

National League Central

1) Astros- The "Killer B's" Bagwell, Biggio, and Berkman are back, and the addition of MVP Jeff Kent makes this a very dangerous lineup. Also, look for a big comeback from Richard Hidalgo, who played last year injured. If Oswalt and Miller can be aces, this team is ready.

2) Cubs- Laugh, but I like this team a lot. They have good fielding, and professional hitters at every position. Combine this with a front three of Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, and Matt Clement, and an improved pen make this a big sleeper team in 2003.

3) Cardinals- Great offense, but their staff is just too shaky. A healthy Cards staff means a division title, but with their arms, I just don't see that as a possibility. Look for Albert Pujols to continue his emergence as a legit superstar.

4) Pirates- Another sleeper in 2003, the Pirates have made themselves a lot better this past offseason. A lineup with Simon, Kendall, Ramirez, Giles, Lofton, and Sanders is pretty good, and Kris Benson, Kip Wells, Josh Fogg, Jeff Suppan, and Jeff D'Amico are all excellent young pitchers. If the pen can hold leads, this team will surprise.

5) Reds- Just not that good. Boone, Casey, Dunn, Griffey, and Kearns can all hit, but their staff is atrocious and their pen is a mess. Their will be some Coloradesque scores at the Reds' new park.

6) Brewers-Just really really bad. Sexson and Sheets are about it.

National League West

1) Giants- If Ryan Jensen can round out a Rueter/Schmidt/Moss/Ainsworth rotation effectively, they will be tough, and any team with Bonds in the lineup is immediately solid. Aurilia, Alfonzo, and Durham will set the table for Bonds and Cruz Jr. and an improved NL Champion Giants team in 2003.

2) Diamondbacks- Schilling and Johnson do not make up for the fact that their offense is pretty bad. If Schilling and Johnson falter, this team could drop considerably.

3) Dodgers- More pitching depth gives them a legit shot to overtake the D'Backs, but a weak offense,except for Shawn Green, does not give the Dodgers the power to be in any race this year.

4) Padres- I like their young players, especially Peavy, Villafuerte, Burroughs, Nady, and Kotsay, but no Hoffman will leave a big hole at the end of Padres games.

5) Rockes- Their season is hinging on too many marginal talents. If Preston Wilson and Jay Payton develop, this could be a good offensive team, but their staff is weak, and their pen in combustible.

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Mens hoops bows out of big dance in Sweet 16

Captain Joe Finley '03 named to All-American first team

by Michael Proia '05
Sports Editor

It took till the Sweet Sixteen and a game with eventual National Champion Williams College to convince Hamilton men's basketball to bow out of the big dance. However, the players and coaches have nothing to hang their heads about, having finished a surprisingly successful roller coaster of a season the way they played all year, going down with a fighting effort.

Williams College may have ended the year with an astounding 31-1 record and a national title, but the Conts certainly didn't back away from the challenge when the two met in Williamstown, Massachusetts on Friday March 14. Hoards of Hamilton students and alumni made the journey to support their UCAA Championship team, but the Ephs used its depth to wear Hamilton down and hang on to a 76-65 victory.

Both teams played well in the first half, but Hamilton's usually potent backcourt shooters could not manage to get shots off from behind the three-point line, hitting only one of three attempts. Williams was able to get long looks over the defense and hit on five of thirteen long-balls. Couple that with Williams' guards protecting the ball and not allowing many turnovers, and the Ephs went to the half with a 42-34 lead.

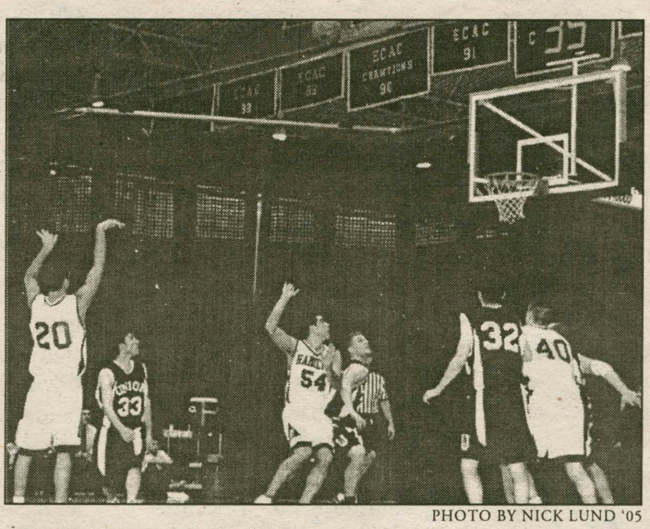
"They came out and tried to limit outside shooting and make us beat them inside," said coach Tom Murphy. "But, they didn't double down on our big men, and our big men had a good game because of that."

Hamilton tried to fight back as it had done many times before this season, but its offense was stifled by Williams' defense in the second half, shooting only 36 percent from the field, and three of six from deep. Hamilton did everything it could to hang in the game, including hitting nineteen of twenty-three free-throws during the contest, but Williams continued to protect the basketball, turning it over only five times in the game.

"I thought our inability to turn them over hurt, but foul trouble was the biggest factor in the outcome," added Murphy

For the Conts, Joe Finley '03 closed the book on his stellar career with 24 points and eight rebounds. Greg Leone '04 and Joe Smith '04 were the only other Hamilton players to score double figures, with eighteen and twelve respectively. Williams was lead by Ben Coffin's nineteen points and nine boards, and Michael Crotty's fifteen points including three three-pointers. Coffin was eventually named tournament MVP, and Crotty was named to the all-tournament team.

Before Hamilton made its trip to Williamstown, they had to deal with St. John Fisher College in Rochester. As at Williams, Hamilton students filled the stands to support the Continentals.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Despite the final loss, the season was a successful one for men's basketball.

"[Having all the fans there] was great. We may have had more fans than they did at the game. At Williams, the timing was tough because of spring break, but a lot of kids made the trip and it was a lot of fun for them and us."

Hamilton jumped out to a 21-9 lead early thanks to twelve points by Finley, but St. John Fisher had no quit in them and eventually fought back. Before the counterattack, however, Hamilton pushed its lead out to as many as nineteen when Kevin Yanni '03 hit a three-pointer with a little less than four minutes to play in the first half, and the Conts went to the half leading 40-27.

Hamilton picked up right where it left off in the second, with Leone hitting a three to put Hamilton up by sixteen. However, Fisher turned up the intensity on defense and some careless ball handling by Hamilton allowed the Cardinals to climb back into the contest.

Fisher eventually took the lead and went up by three on a lay-up by Nick Ripple, capping a 27-10 run. The home team's lead would grow to as many as six with under eight minutes remaining, but Hamilton's "refuse to lose" mentality that the team displayed all year kept them in the game. Trailing by two points with just over a minute remaining, Hamilton used a time-out to draw up a play for its leader, Joe Finley. Smith came to the ball at the top of the three-point arc, and threw a perfect bounce pass to Finley, who had sealed his man at the foul line, and went in for the easy two to tie the game.

"That high-low play was obviously the key play in the game. Joe [Smith] made a great bounce pass, and Finley did a great job to seal his man out of the lane," said Murphy.

Following a turnover by Fisher and a foul on the defense, C.J. Cantil '03 went to the line with a chance to give the Continentals the lead. Cantil hit the first free-throw, and missed the second, but a hustle rebound by Smith allowed Hamilton to retain possession and Fisher was forced to foul Leone, who confidently hit both of his free-throws.

Hamilton then committed a foul with three seconds remaining, but the foul prevented Fisher from attempting a possible game-tying three-pointer, and when Jeff Sidney missed his first free-throw, Finley secured the rebound and the game for the Continentals.

One last free throw by Finley set the final score at 72-68, and gave Finley a game high 30 points. He was followed by Leone who contributed twenty-one points, hitting five of eight from long range.

For the Continentals, the season was a success despite the final loss.

"After the [Williams] game, everyone is disappointed because no matter where you are you always want to win one more game. But in retrospect, to win twenty-three games and a UCAA Championship is a good year," commented Murphy.

In addition to the team success, Hamilton had many players recognized for their outstanding seasons. Coach Murphy was named NABC East Region Coach of the Year to go along with his award for UCAA Coach of the Year. Joe Finley pulled in many awards, and sources tell the Spectator that Finley will be named a NABC All-American, the twelfth Hamilton player to receive the illustrious honor. The All-American team will be officially announced Friday morning at the coaches' conference in New Orleans, site of this year's Division I Final Four.

Men's lacrosse shows heart in early season wins

by Dave Cost '03
Sports Writer

The Hamilton Men's Lacrosse team has a lot of expectations coming into the 2003 season. A conference championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament are a couple of the goals the team has set. After a successful 9-3 campaign under head coach Gene McCabe last year, the Conts are pushing to become one of the top rated lacrosse programs in the nation.

A very strong attack, talented midfielders and a powerful defense lead the Continentals this year. Senior co-captain and All-American Matt Silverio '03 leads the attack squad. Silverio has rewritten the lacrosse record books at Hamilton as he is number one in points and goals, and this season will add to that total.

Experienced players such as Co-captain Sean Lackaye'03, and Brian St. John '03, who have both been regulars on the field since they arrived on the Hill, lead a deep midfield. Other top contributors so far this season are rookie sensation Jack Newton'06, the shooter Scott Cohen '05, Evan Teiger '04 and Kevin St. John '06.

The defense is anchored by strength and skill. Co-captain Andy Laskowski '03 moved to long stick middy this year, and has been not only a force defensively, but also a threat as a regular scorer. Speedsters Leland Candler '04 and Matt Innes '05 provide extra support at short stick defensive middy. Co-captain Phil Sambazis '03, who was all UCAA last year, leads the close defense.

The goalie position this year has been split bewteen Jason Mleczko '03 and Amit Grover '05, and both goalies have played well, as the 5-2 record indicates.

The 2003 season so far has been mostly successful. The Continentals opened its season at home against Farleigh Dickinson. The Blue Devils were no match for the Conts' dynamic offense, led by Silverio, Geiger and St. John along with crippling defensive play, aided by goalie Amit Grover, as Hamilton won a decisive 13-7 victory.

A week later, a tougher opponent, Oneonta, visited Hamilton for the second game. Under cold conditions that soon turned to a snow storm, Hamilton battled back from a three goal deficit, led by Lackaye, and scored six unanswered goals, making the score 9-6 in the fourth quarter. Oneonta roared back tying the score with 30 seconds to go as the blizzard continued. Yet, the resiliency of the Continentals was demonstrated as Laskowski stripped the ball away from an Oneonta midfielder with nienteen seconds on the clock and lofted the ball to Dan Geiger '04, who buried the winning goal with only two seconds left on the clock. The team rushed the field after the thrilling 10-9 victory over a very competitive opponent.

The next game against the much-hated rival Williams College was a day dominated by Hamilton. Led on offense by Silverio, Geiger, Henry and St. John, and on defense by Sambazis and George Spilios '05, the Continentals made hamburger out of the Ephs by beating them 15-8, which was also Hamilton's third straight victory over Williams. Hamilton went on a spring break trip to Virginia with a 3-0 record and full of confidence.

Hamilton tripped up against number fourteen Lynchburg, who handed Hamilton its first loss of the season. Disappointed, but not discouraged, the Conts headed for a showdown with Mary Washington. After initially being down 6-1 in the first quarter, Hamilton roared back, going on a 15-4 scoring run led by Geiger, Silverio, Henry, Cohen and Laskowski. Mlezcko coupled this with a fine display in the goal. Hamilton, showing its ability to come back once again, returned from spring break ready for league play.

After dispensing of Utica College 15-7, Hamilton faced its first league game against nationally ranked RPI. The game was a battle back and forth from the first whistle, as the teams exchanged leads throughout the game. RPI had the lead 8-7 with thirty seconds left when Hamilton appeared to turn the ball over. However, Geiger scooped up a loose ball and (unbelievably) found Jim Henry '05 on a bounce pass, who buried the tying goal with just .3 seconds left on the clock. Hamilton went to overtime with a new life, but fell short of victory as RPI put in the winning goal off a loose ball play in front of the net. Although the team was upset over the tough loss, Coach McCabe was proud of the heart his team showed, and the effort they put forth throughout the game.

Hamilton enters this weekend with a showdown with number nine St. Lawrence. Coach McCabe is confident in his team's ability to beat the Saints for their first league win. Hamilton will have to bring its best effort and play mentally sound to come out as the victors. Despite the good start to the season, only winning the UCAA will satisfy Hamilton, and St. Lawrence is a crucial step to that goal.